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A new year brings new starts all around!

Decked out in their homecoming attire, students enter the homecoming throw down dance to conclude the homecoming festivities. There were a total of 555 tickets sold to the homecoming dance. **Forcefully swinging** her flag around, Kaitlynn Barragan (12) rhythmically moved alongside Jonas Rigney (12) during the marching bands ballad performance. The Marching Trojan Pride had a successful season as they marched their way to three golds and one visual acheivement.

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Anxiously anticipating a successful season and year, the hype of the beginning of the school year served as motivation for athletes and students alike on and off the field. The cheers that came from the student section and the high fives shared on the sidelines inspired all to do their best. While on the field, Riley Bertalan (12) felt invincible in moments surrounded by crucial blocks by teammates Kenneth Finke (11), Samuel Perez Jr (12) and more. In turn even students felt surrounded by support in their own endeavors in their own season of life.

Starting something comes with a variety of emotions, the anxiety that arrives when a test is about to begin. The adrenal filled moments swimmers experience on the diving board. Or even the exciting feeling to be challenged by the first day at work. The euphoria of starting a run around the track, or the anxiety of starting to drive.

There are plenty of things you could start during your high school years, today. Call friends you haven not seen in a while. Eat a bit healthier. Catch up on reading. Anything that will make your life better, even as simple as taking a deep breath. Every student has to start the path that will determine a great portion of their lives here at Highland, regardless if college or another calling. All throughout, other things that need to be started will arise.

Delaying on starting things makes us miss out on other opportunities that we may never have again. Not having money saved for the trip out of the country, or losing time on assignments, is not great. Whenever a new experience presents itself, ask yourself:

why not

start now?

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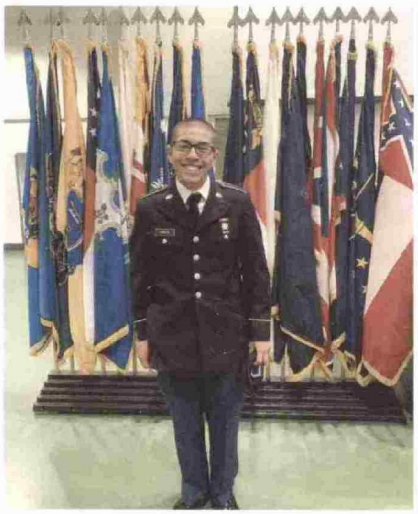
With total concentration, Mateo Garcia (12) and Mason Plebanski (12) present themselves in their uniform, saluting for their country. **With a smile on his face,** Mateo Garcia (12) poses for a picture in front of all the flags that stand in the hall of his boot camp. **Ready to go** Mason Plebanski (12) stands proudly in front of a tank,happy to know that he is familiar with its workings.



Summer

Variety for All

Students of Highland High School traveled near and far to gain valuable experiences to remember for a lifetime.

Some went for enjoyment, some went out of obligation to appease their families, some even went out of duty to their country.

For all, Summer 2019 meant a new start for the path before them.

Elena Figueroa (11) said, "This summer I traveled to Puerto Rico with my entire family. We stayed in Humacao, about a hour away from San Juan, to be near locals rather than tourists."

Figueroa had the opportunity to ATV, see a rain forest and be exposed to the culture of her ancestors.

Not everyone was as fortunate.

Mateo Garcia (12) and Mason Plebanski (12) did not get a luxurious vacation. Instead they enlisted in the Army National Guard and completed their Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri.

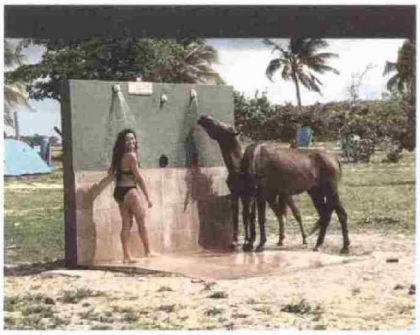
Both Garcia and Plebanski missed out on their final secondary summer vacation, as well as; conditioning and practices for their senior fall sports seasons.

Others vacationed at beaches stateside. Robert Baughard (9) said, "I went with my mom, step-dad and brother to Myrtle Beach in South Carolina. I really enjoyed the beach and the water park that was in the hotel. Also, the food in the area was very good."

While vacations sound like an amazing time, some students like Marissa Madrigal (11) were stuck here in Highland, Indiana. Madrigal said, "Taking a summer class was less stressful. I had more time to do my assignments in the summer class. It was worth something taking it over the summer."

Travels to another country

Many people always dream of visitng another country, our very own HIghland student was given that .



With a smile Elena Figueroa (12) washes off sand from the near by beach as some polite horses come up towards the shower for a drink. **With her family at her side,** many of Figueroa's smiles greatly to commemorate this heartwarming vacation that they got to experience. **With helmets on their heads,** Figueroa takes time out of riding an ATV with friends and family to smile brightly at the camera, painting one of the many amazing opportunities Figueroa had on her trip to Puerto Rico.

FROM THE GROUND UP

When installing an artificial turf was approved, the work began so that the field would be ready for the start of the 2019 football season.

Scooping up the existing grass and debris was the initial step taken to start the process of installing the artificial turf on the game and practice fields. While the dirt piled up in heaps, the vision of a no maintenance field came closer.

Carefully placing the gravel onto the level field was the next step in the process. Installation was a long process, with lots of yards to cover, but as the summer went on, many witnessed the effort that went into this.

After finishing the gravel, the construction workers were ready to lay down the fake grass and get the players playing on their brand new field. This field is a new learning experience for players and many are grateful for this chance.

INSTALLATION OF TURF

Every field differs from one another, so this years football players and marching band members had to learn to play and perform on this brand new field

To change from a grass field to a turf one, is a long process. It is one of both a process of learning and construction.

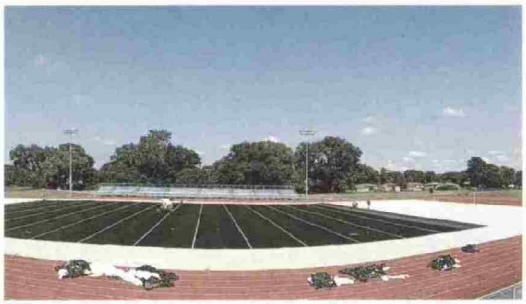
The process to put down the turf was a long one, it required digging, gravel and these tiny pebble like pieces to keep the fake grass looking clean and pristine as it is used.

Throughout this process the marching band and football team shared the practice field located near the tennis courts, each activity dealt with the tedious process of the grass fields change and differences.

Upon the completion of the field, the marching band and football team each had to learn to use this brand new home field, as it was no longer the grass one they were used to.

This field was a new experience for many people, whether they are in the crowd witnessing what went on the field or the people playing out on the field.

Determined to have the field complete for the 2019-20 school year and 2019 football season, construction workers worked feverishly through the process of laying the artificial turf. Construction workers spent several weeks on this project before school making sure it was perfect. **While attempting to** not damage the track, recently installed turf changed the game plan for everyone. Many students had to learn the proper way to deal with the turf field, this including how much it would end up in team members or performers shoes.



In order to transform the football field into turf, the entire field was torn up and replaced with gravel that would end up following the fake grass that can be seen now. **To increase spirit,** a Highland Trojans logo was placed on the 50 yard line looking directly towards the crowd.

-ARTIFICIAL TURF INSTALLATION-

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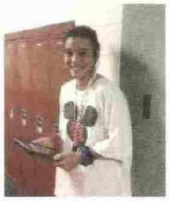
FALL

As the crowd gathered for the first Friday night football game of the season, Troy the Trojan portrayed by Joseph Tellez (12) takes a snapshot to add to his Snapchat story to commemorate the first game of the season. The student section dressed in red, white and blue for the theme of the night, cheered the Trojans to victory over the Governors of Hammond Morton. During the fall sports season the student section rallied behind Highland athletes in support of their efforts including on the football field, soccer field, and volleyball court.

Student Lead Social Media

"I ran for NHS Vice President of Character, and so I do the social media, and it was just a chance that I got it. It is still a little weird seeing notifications pop up for school stuff, and I am like 'oh wait, I am in charge of that. I need to tweet that too."

Audrey Gregory (12)



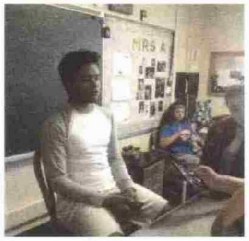
"I actually really like it. I think it is a lot of fun because at the football games and stuff I will stand in front of the student section and start all of the cheers."

Hallie Ryzewski (12)

"It was scary at first because I did not know if everyone would participate and be involved, but I am having fun with it now. I think a lot of people see the tweets, and seeing that helps them want to go to more games and events."

Emma Hamilton (12)

"Staff goals are to get our publication more known because everybody on staff works hard to get it together and we just want more people to be reading."
Ariel Cassell (11)

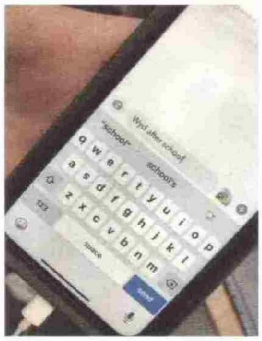


"We want to be more out there and be able to immerse ourselves in the school community and make us a bigger part of it, while getting the student body their news quickly."
Christopher Amador (12)

Favorite Forms of Social Media

"Instagram, to see new videos and news about sports"
Zachary Piech (10)

"Snapchat, to get a hold of my friends"
Kylie Lucas (11)

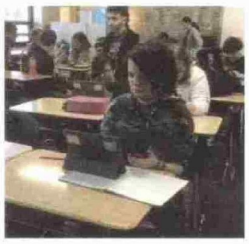


"My go to social media would be Snapchat because I like to talk to my friends a lot on Snapchat."
Ethin Orban (11)

"Instagram, there is more content in my feed that are funny for me to watch."
Mayya Subuh (11)

"Snapchat, to text people."
Raymond McDonald IV (10)

"I would say our goals are not very specific, but it is more just we are trying to get as much news covered as possible as elegantly as we can."
Maddox Schneider (9)

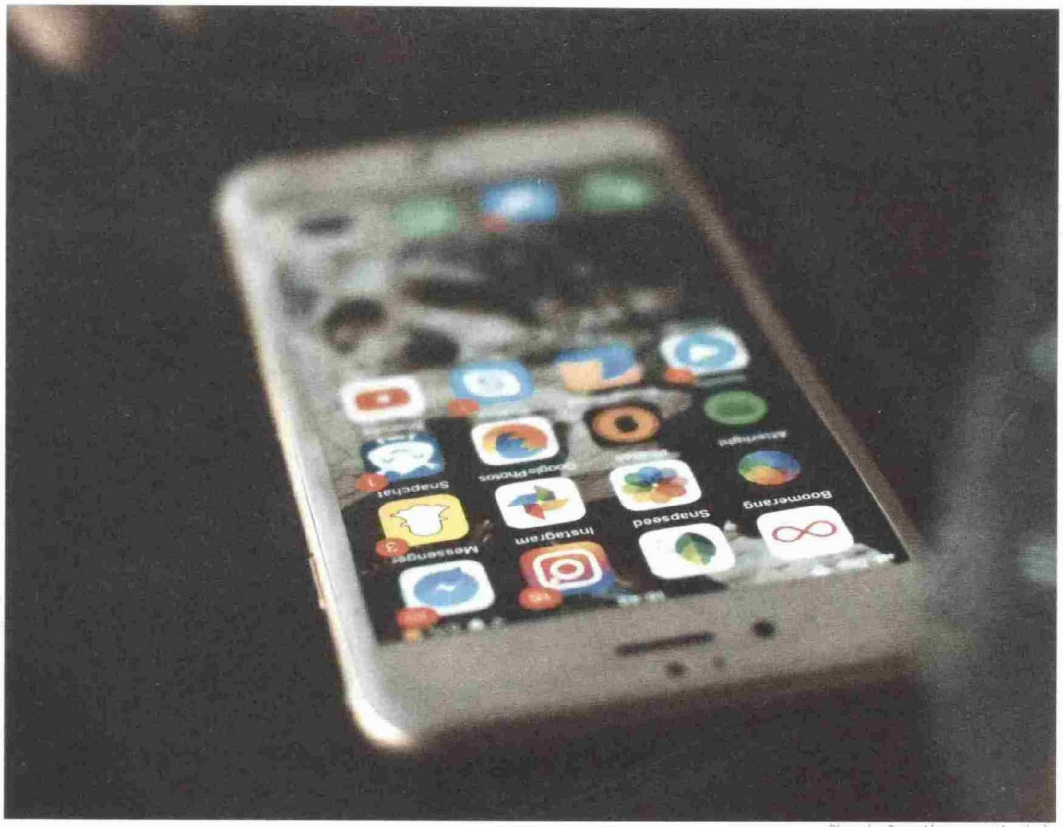


"Our goal is to always cover all news and cover what people care about, what we care about and just everything that goes on around the school and outside of it."
Brianna Ryan (10)

Social Media to spread student voice for Trojan Tribune

Student publications shares information with the student body through a variety of platforms.

"Instragram when I was around 10. The logo has changed to a different color and the new features now you have a camera there that you can slide."
Brooke Lopez (9)



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Snapchat I got it when I was 11. Just the people that were on it, basically things do not really change. It is sometimes better to have something new. I am on it too much.
Areany Alvarez (10)

"Instagram, I got it when I was in around 6th grade. The app has gone through many updates and I, myself have gone through many updates, personally matured more. You have to know what to post and what not to post. Some things people just do not need to know about."
James Rhoten (11)

"Facebook, I got it when I was around 10. I created it on my own, but my parents were okay with me having the account. They added the market place. I can buy stuff because you can find things there cheaper than you can find them in stores. I really don't have any issues with Facebook."
Zachary Burleson (12)

Staying Connected

Social media plays a big part in everyone's lives. We can connect with people around the world and form relationships as well. Social media also helps us keep up with what is going on around the world, whether it be news, weather, sports and a variety of other topics. Social media can affect us negatively and positively depending on how you use it. "It depends on who you talk to because the person you talk to online can make you change the choices you make in real life and is very detrimental, but it could be positive as well. You can open up to more people. The more positive it is and vise verse if it is a negative thing," Alyana Dela Cruz (12) says. When you connect with people on social media, you can create bonds with them, but they can also negatively affect your life, cyber-bullying and other factors could take place. It is important to be cautious and have a parent or guardian's supervision when using social media. When asked if social media can build or ruin relationships, Marcus Guerrero (10) states, "I say a little bit of both, because in a way it can keep us connected, so we can talk to people. In a way, that can ruin relationships." Speaking with people on social media could in fact, alter relationships. The way you communicate with people plays a big role in relationships. Communication through social media can sort of act as a filter between what someone would actually say in real life opposed to what they say online. Guerrero also says, "It is easier to make plans with people and connect with them overall. It is easier to connect with people, because you might act differently with the people you are with, so it is like that, but with another barrier. Some might say more harsh things than if they were to say it to you in person."

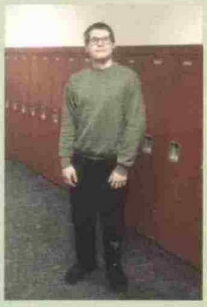
A Case of the MONDAYS

With a smile on her face, Kayleigh Stouffer (10) holds the board with two hands to show how she feels about Mondays. With Monday being the start of the week having a positive outlook for the day is always a good way to begin the school day.

With a sad frown on his face, Jacob Helm (12), grips onto the letter board that held his emotions towards Monday. Mondays can be hard with school picking up after the short weekend breaks students get.

Monday STRUGGLES

Mondays are a struggle for many students as they transition from the weekend to the school day. Students must find a way to deal with their struggles throughout the school day.

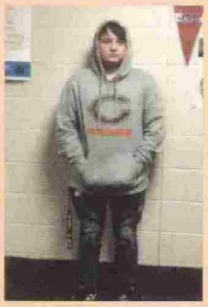


"I just breathe in, and meditate, I try not to be in my head too much and I try to do things one at a time. Meditating is a process where you don't have to think about anything, letting it go and try not to hold on to it."

Dawson Simmons (12)

"For me Mondays aren't really difficult and they're just like any other day. The only difference is that you are a little bit tired from the weekend, but other than that, school work isn't a whole bunch on Mondays so it isn't that hard."

Leia Rhoades (9)



"On Mondays I just sleep because I am tired since I work all weekend. If not, I try to hang out with my friends and do stuff."

Brian Pottorf (11)

"Well, most of the time, I try to think positively and I like to think of things that I usually like to do. I like to play video games with my friends a lot."

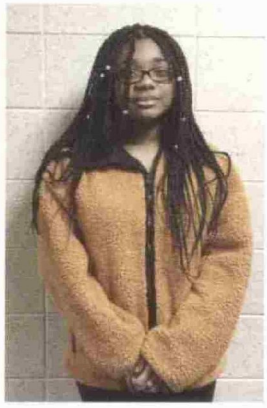
Christopher Ruiz (10)

The Start of a New Week

Mondays are important days because they give the opportunity to start fresh each week

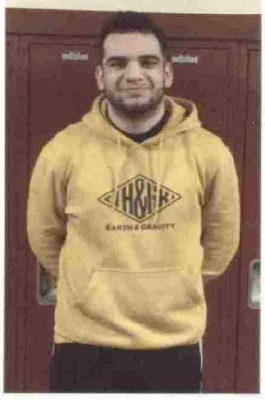
For a high school student it is critical to learn how to transition from the weekend to the start of a school day once Monday comes around. Many people believe Sunday starts the beginning of the week, but for high school students Monday is the go getter. Students must get up early in the morning to get ready for school and make their way to their first hour. Mondays start the beginning of a new lesson and more assignments due. Most students tend to have trouble staying awake during their first hour as they may have stayed up late or slept in for most of the weekend. Many students find Mondays to be very uneventful as they wish it never came in the first place. Mondays are continuously being passed by without a second though with most people forgetting Monday even exists. What students don't realize is that Mondays are one of the best days of the week! Mondays give students the opportunity to catch up with friends and socialize with their classmates. They get to see some of their favorite teachers and even go to some of their favorite classes. It gives a fresh start to the week if the previous week didn't go so well. Monday is a critical day because it leads into what the rest of the week will be from either being good or bad. When they day is finally over students get released from school and have the rest of the days for themselves. The hard part of their Monday is done and the day is over soon as Monday slips away into the next Tuesday.

Dealing with a Monday



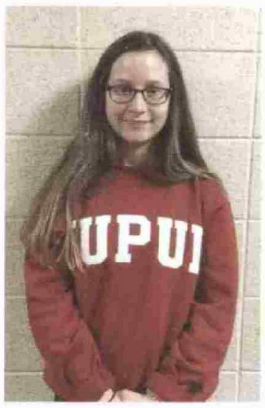
"Music of any kind is relaxing and easy to listen to when you're trying to do stuff."

Mia Smith (9)



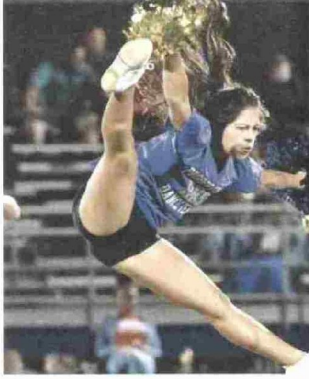
"It's just hard trying to get to school on a Monday switching from a weekend. Especially going with the some workload for the rest of the week when we've been here."

Jacob Celestin (12)



"I do not think Mondays make much of a difference from every other day, they are just as stressful as every other day. I like to get good food after school to make up for a bad day."

Lily Binner, (11)

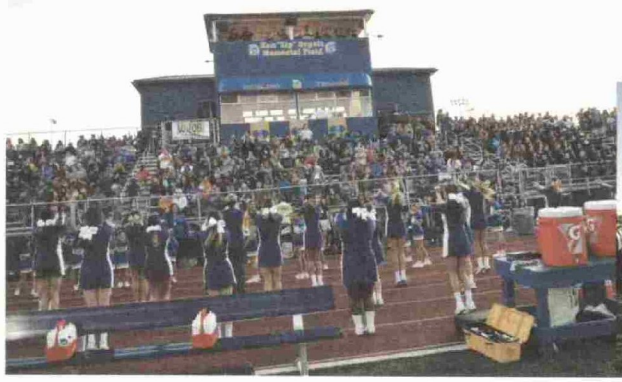


Caught in the spirit of the Sapphire's half-time performance, Victoria Guerrero (12) jumped up in the air in excitement of the team's first performance of the season. **In anticipation** to cheer up the crowd, the cheerleading team prepares to show their school spirit to the people in the stands.

Tailgate is the start of a new season for the football players and a new game for everybody who watches.

Tailgate is one of the most important games of the year as the football team shows what they are capable of. For many football players, it is the start of a fresh, new season. It gives the players a chance to stand out from the rest as they play their first game with the team. Tailgate is an opportunity for the team to show the hours of training they have put in for their upcoming season. Many of the players' friends and families that come to tailgate support the team's success during the game and hopes for a triumphant season. Their fellow classmates also come to watch in the stands as they show their school spirit, cheering for the football team as they play. To keep the intensity of tailgate during half time, the marching band preformed their show for the packed crowd. Everyone coming together to celebrate a new season and hopes of many victories to come is a great way to start the year.

To achieve the best technique, Emily Burris (9) focuses on her steps as she watches the Drum major for guidance to the next set. **Looking for** a way around, Samuel Perez Jr. (12) pushes the Governor out of the way to make room for his teammate to get through. **With eyes focused** on the receiver, Ethan Litavecz (11) prepares to launch the ball across the field to obtain a first down for the Trojans. **Psyched for the** upcoming game, the student section, decorated with their school colors, put their hands in the air, ready to cheer on the football team.



Preparing for the season on the new turf, the Highland Trojans start their pre-game rituals in front of the packed crowd in the stands. **Running onto the field** with the feeling of feeling of determination, the football team prepared for the kickoff of the very first game on the turf field.

OPENING WITH A WIN

-1ST GAME ON TURF-

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School Wide **BMX** Show

Going from school to school with not just a plan to educate young minds about the danger of any and all types of bullying the ASA High School tour was the highlight of many students day.

On September 26th, every student in attendance that day was sent to the main gym bleachers. Each student sets their eyes on the two large ramps that were oddly located on the basketball court. Curious as to what is about to happen, the student body chatters amongst themselves, wondering what is to come.

What would soon be witnessed was a Bicycle Motorcross, or BMX, show that was dedicated to educating today's youth about things such as the signs of bullying, what the different types of bullying are, and how to prevent this bullying.

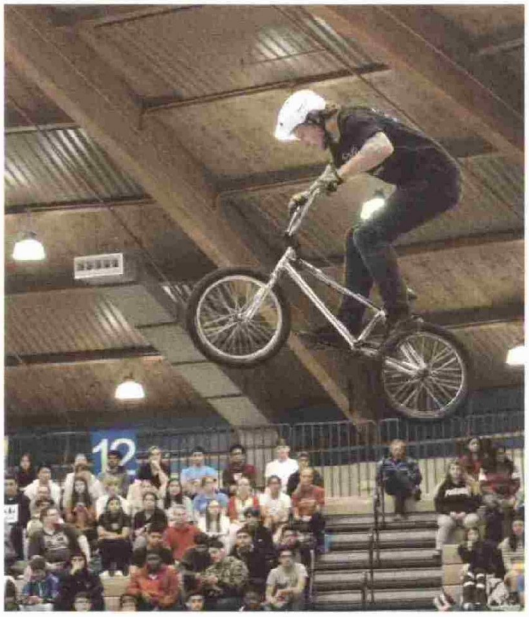
This organization is dedicated to getting the word out about bullying in an unconventional way. The BMX riders get the crowd roaring as they perform out of this world tricks, while the audience hears real bullying statistics. As a finale, they had the athletes ride a ramp and jump high over top of Dr. Patrick Weil, Mr. Andrew Locke and Mr. Anthony Belli.

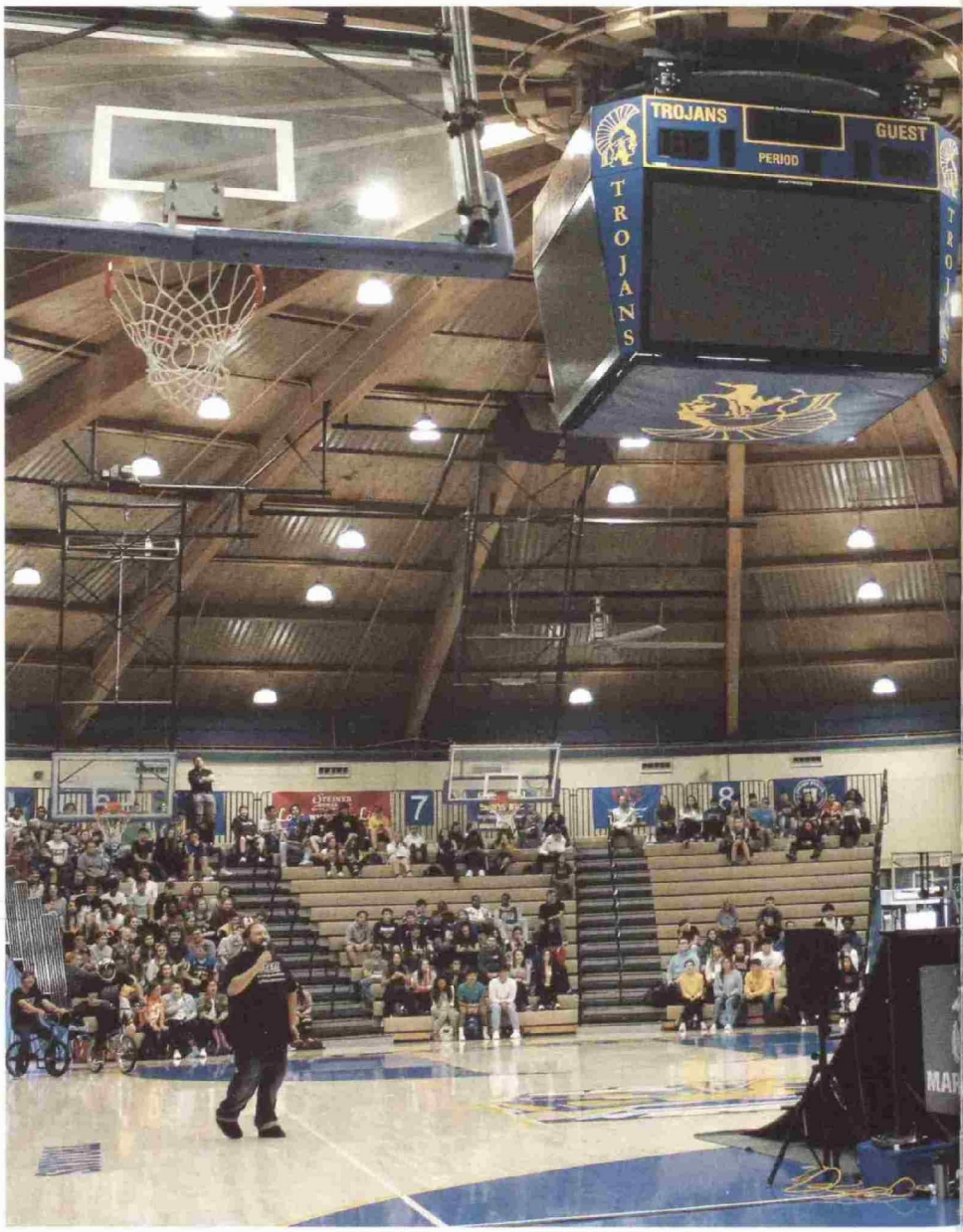
Getting the word out about bullying is important, even as a wild BMX show is happening, a voice rings out to the gym informing students and staff about it. It is things like these that captivate students' attention and helps them start a conversation to be more adamant about stopping bullying.

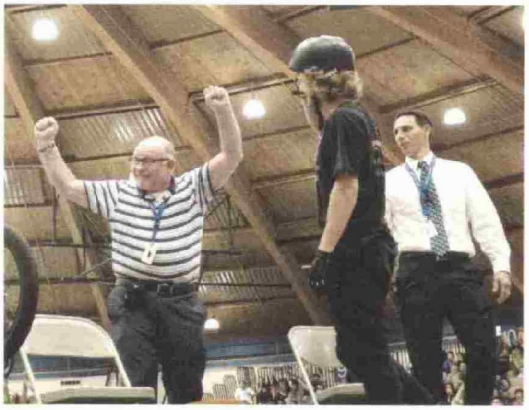
Bullying is something that must be handled from the start. This unique program helps students learn to use their voice and start making a positive change now.

A seemingly unconventional approach to such an important and serious topic may have a larger reach to the targeted audience. Catching the attention of the audience can help convey the information more easily and in a much more fun way, especially when BMX tricks are involved.

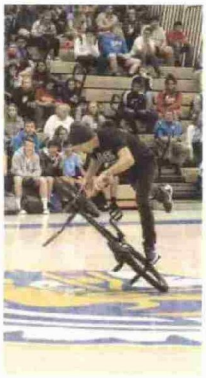
Programs such as this help bring awareness and shed light on how big of an issue bullying can be. With a normal lecture on the same topic, the same results are not likely to happen. With fun, creative ways to grab students' attention, a larger impact is made overall.

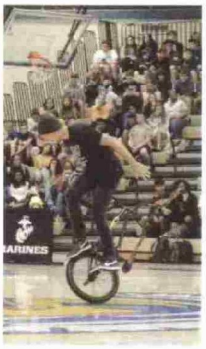


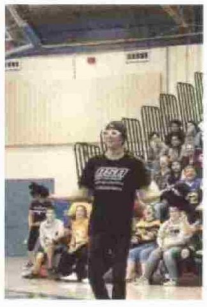




By watching the excitement in the crowd the professionals preform tricks of all sizes for the student body during the ASA High School Tour. The group put on an anti-bullying convocation that promoted student participation in the event and on social media. In an attempt to make a secure landing, Koji Kraft twist the direction of his bike around. The ramp did not matter to the bikers, as they completed daring tricks not made for amateurs. As the crowd erupted with cheers, administrators Mr. Anthony Belli, Dr. Patrick Weil and Mr. Andrew Locke made their way to the top of the ramp. After taking their seat atop the ramp, Jared Wiedower performed the highlight of the day when he leaped over the administrators heads. Many students watched in amazement knowing that Wiedower had successfully cleared the ramp with ample height earlier in the performance.



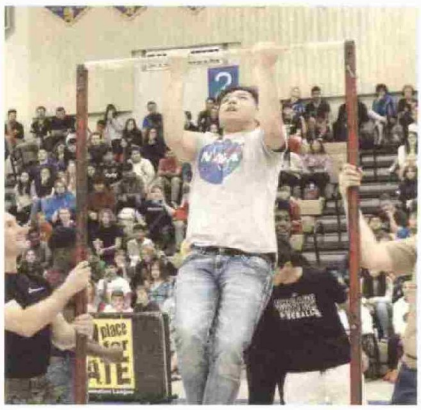


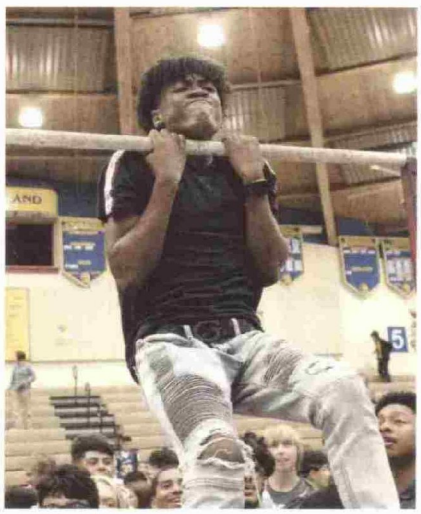


Moving away from the ramp students took their eyes to the floor where the ASA High School Tour member Dane Beardsley shared his craft of flatland riding. He made tricks look easy as he stood on the pegs and pedaled the bike with his hands and jumped over handlebars. His moves amazed students and staff members alike. Finally, he grabbed the attention of students as he threw out t-shirts into the crowd.

Marine Corps Strong

The pull up bar was showcased in the corner of the Fieldhouse and brought to center stage for students to step down to show their strength.





As the crowd was on their feet for the conclusion of the assembly the United States Marine Corps recruiters brought the bar out to the court for students to showcase their strength. Braydon Jones (10) pulled his way to complete the maximum amount of pull ups that he could with cheers from surrounding students. **In an effort** to show his strength, Dillon Chalifoux (9) was willing to participate. Chalifoux completed pull ups as the student body kept count. **In order to** complete fifteen pull ups, Akia Burns (10) was willing to change his grip instead of giving up. Burns maintained a focused face while he lifted his body weight to clear his chin above the bar.

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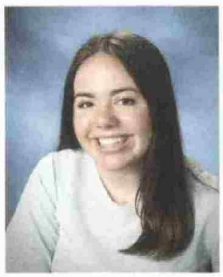

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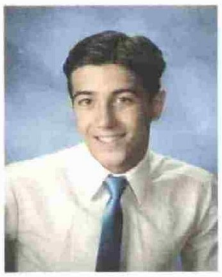

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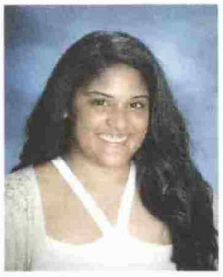

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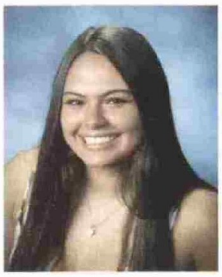

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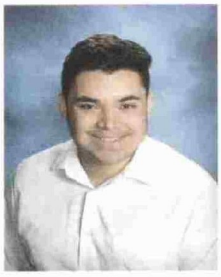

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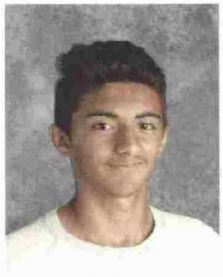

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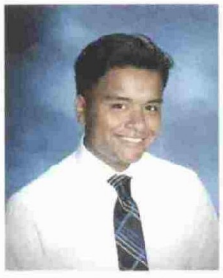

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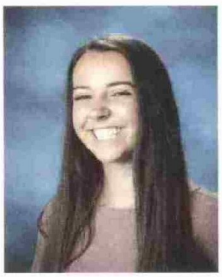

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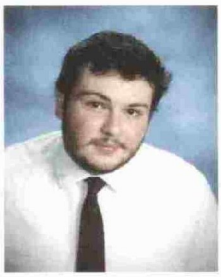

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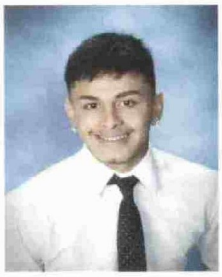

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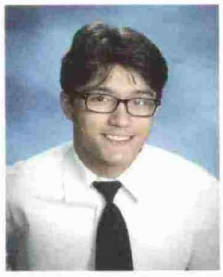

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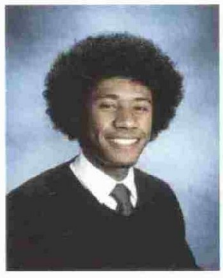

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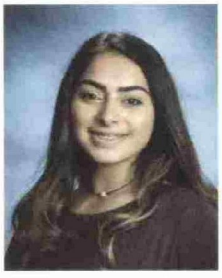

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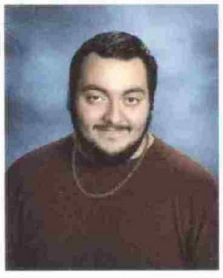

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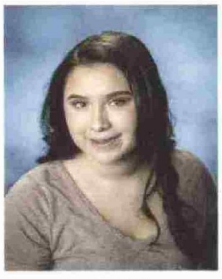

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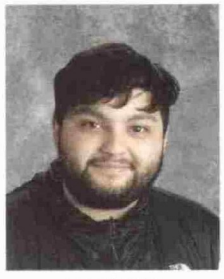

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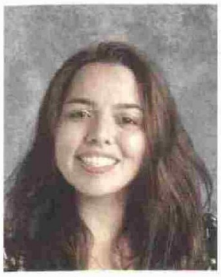
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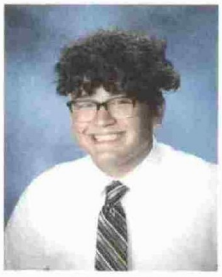
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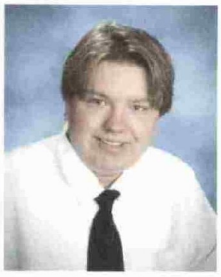
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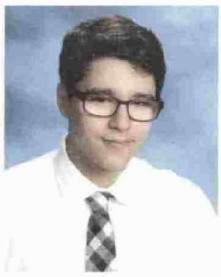
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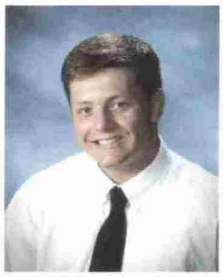
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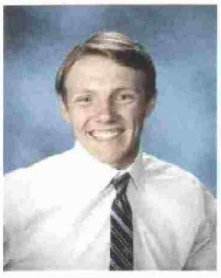
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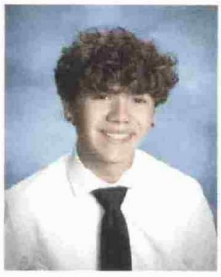
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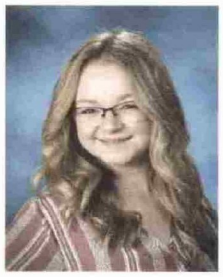
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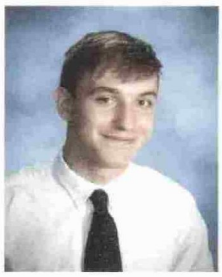
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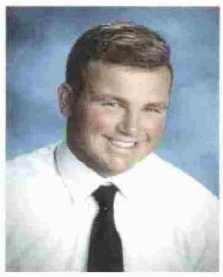
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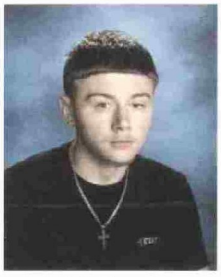
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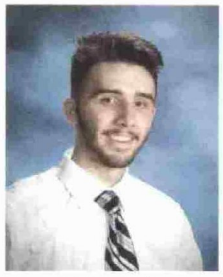
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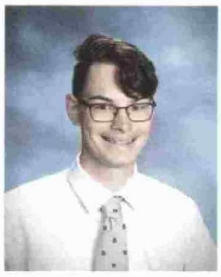
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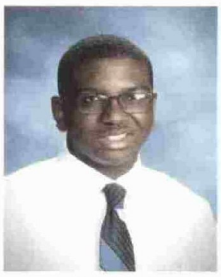
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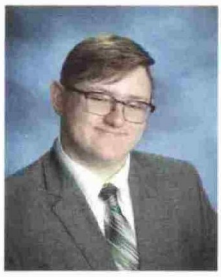
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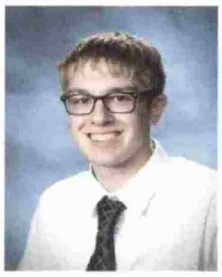
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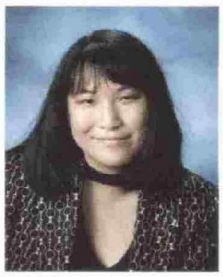
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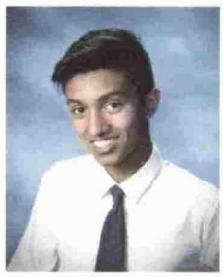
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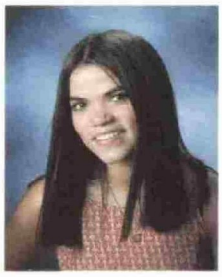
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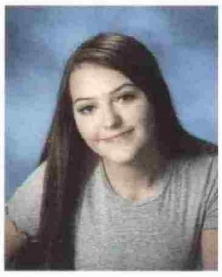
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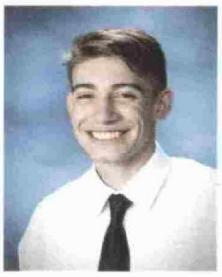
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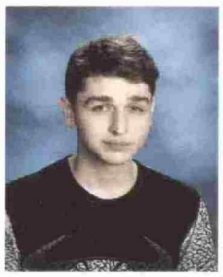
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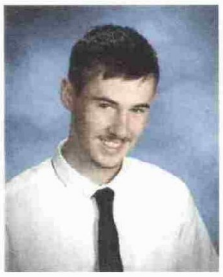
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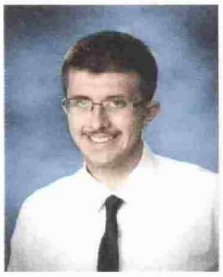
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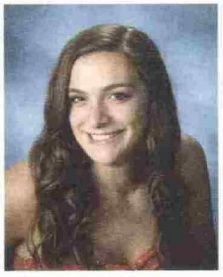
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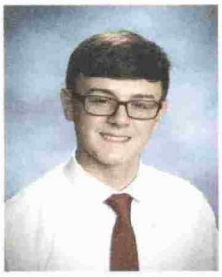
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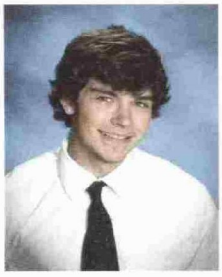
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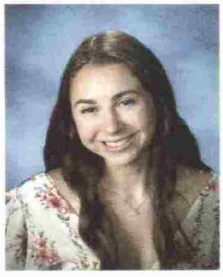
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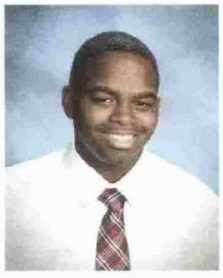
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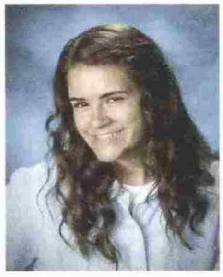
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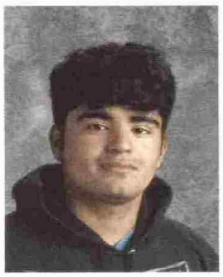
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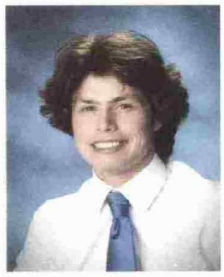
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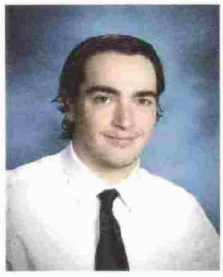
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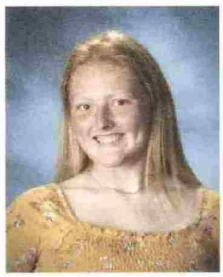
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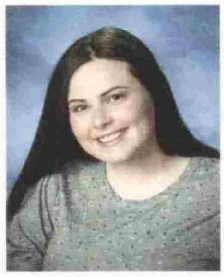
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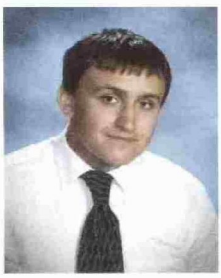
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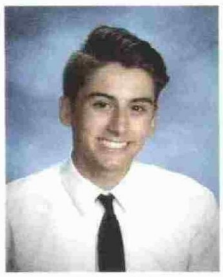
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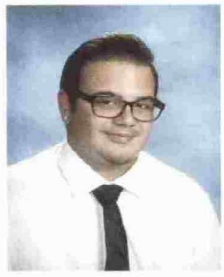
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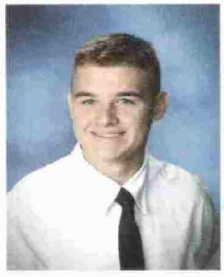
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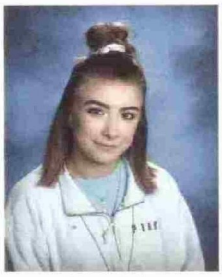
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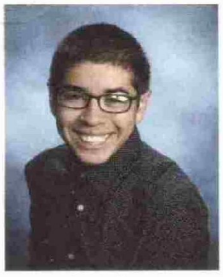
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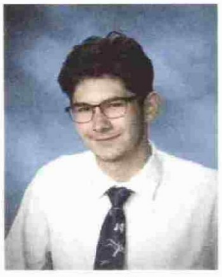
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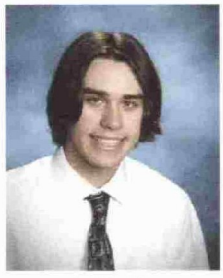
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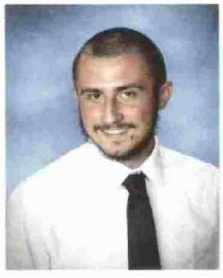
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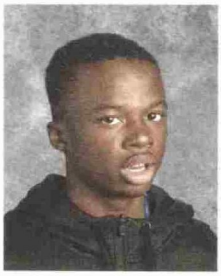
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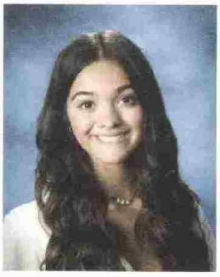
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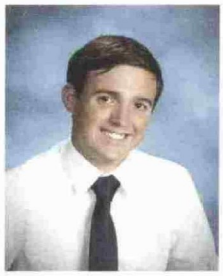
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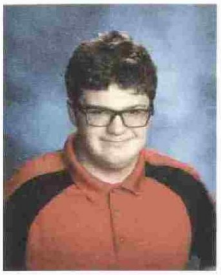
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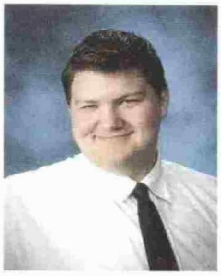
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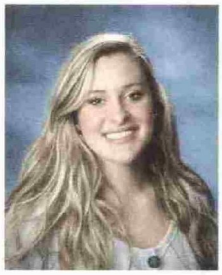
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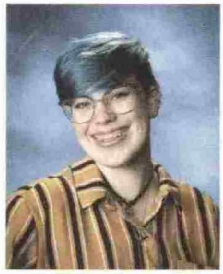
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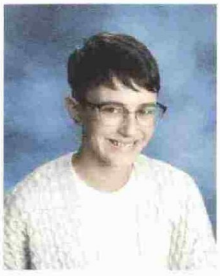
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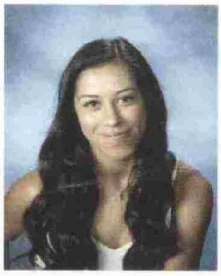
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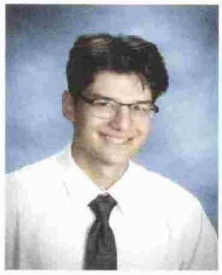
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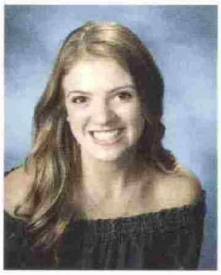
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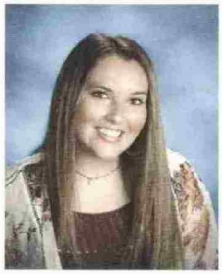
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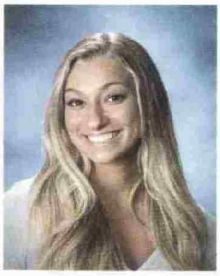
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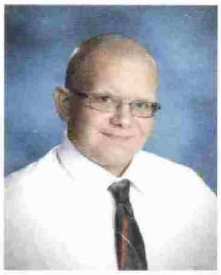
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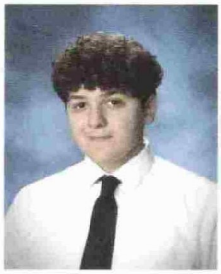
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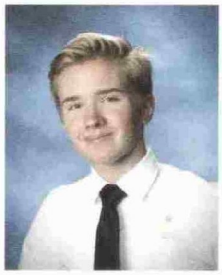
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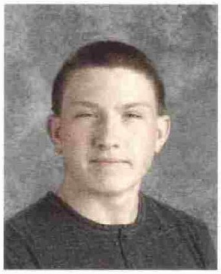
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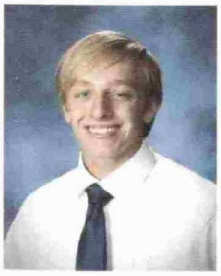
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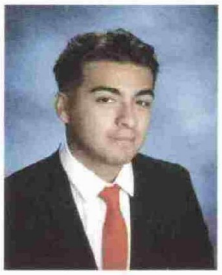
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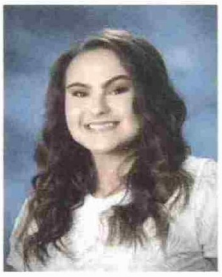
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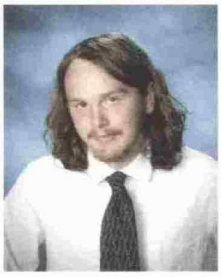
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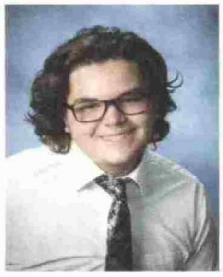
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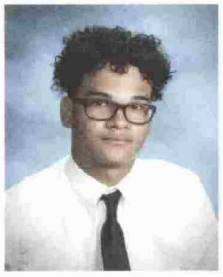
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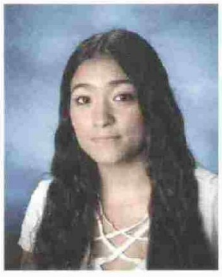
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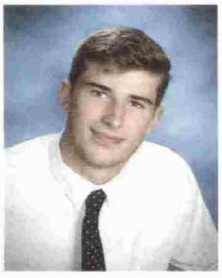
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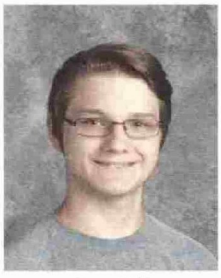
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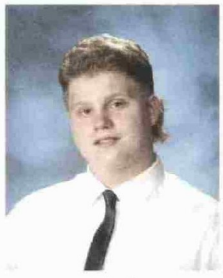
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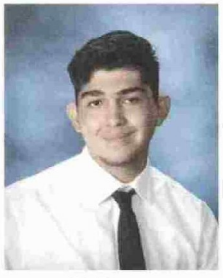
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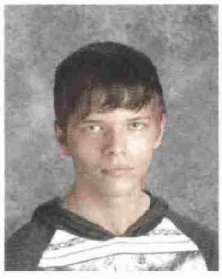
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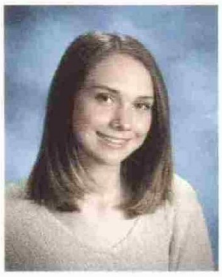
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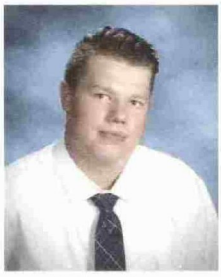
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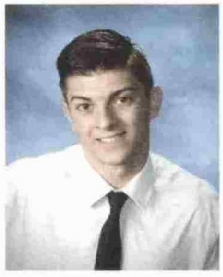
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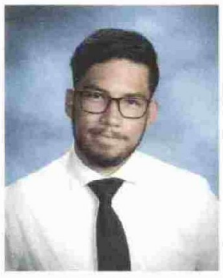
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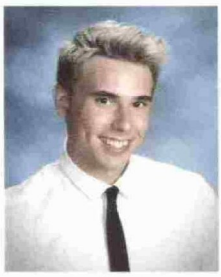
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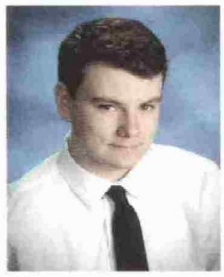
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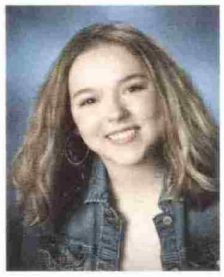
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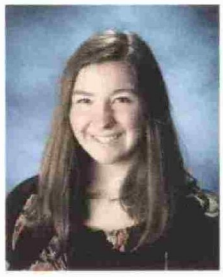
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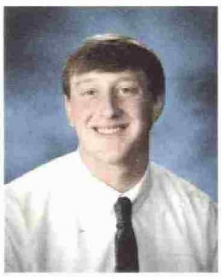
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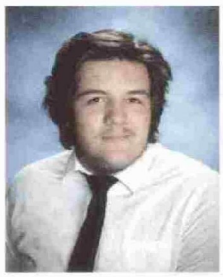
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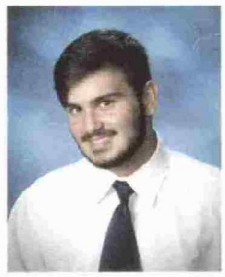
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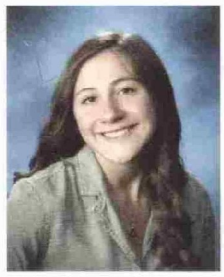
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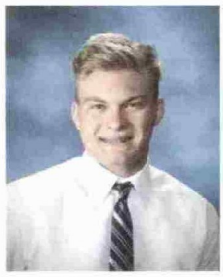
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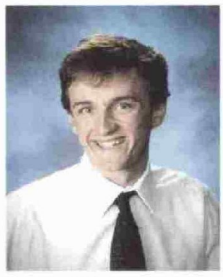
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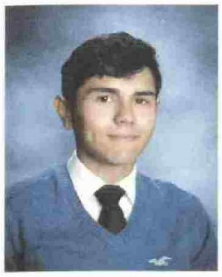
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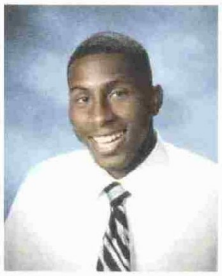
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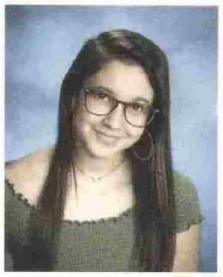
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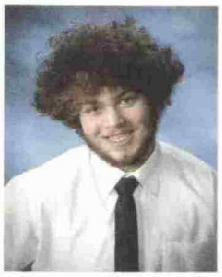
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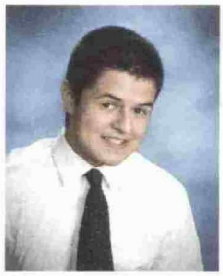
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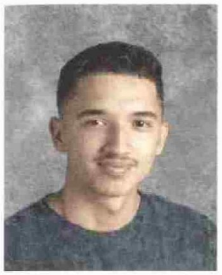
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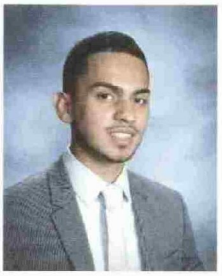
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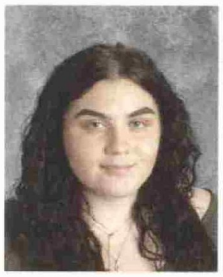
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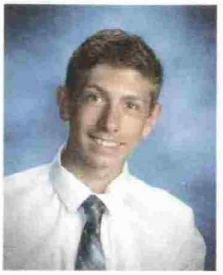
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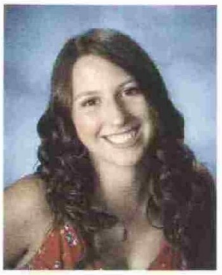
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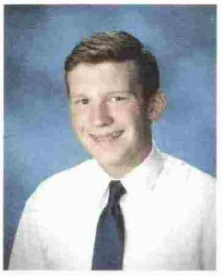
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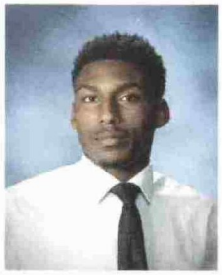
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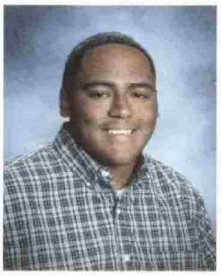
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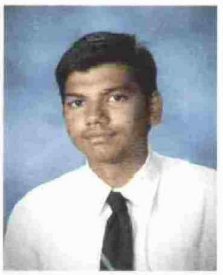
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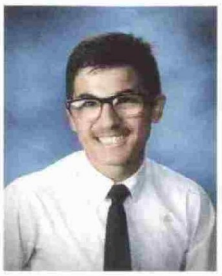
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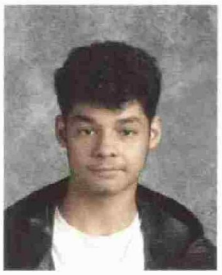
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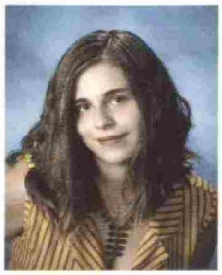
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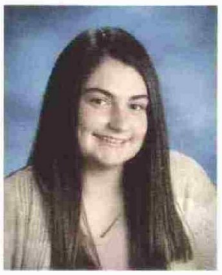
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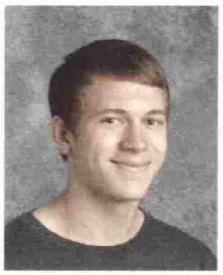
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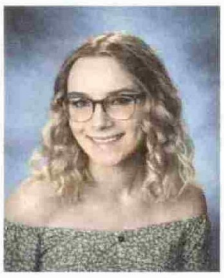
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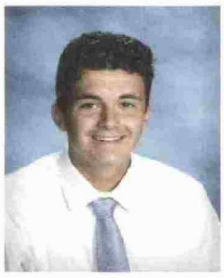
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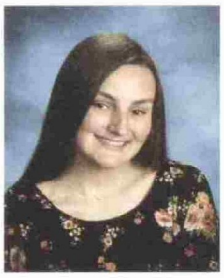
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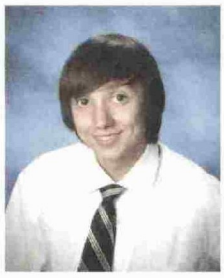
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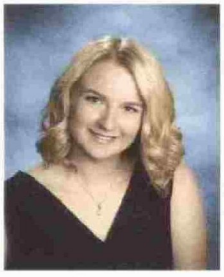
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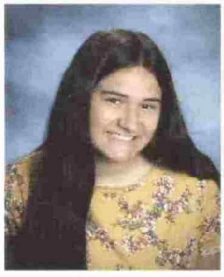
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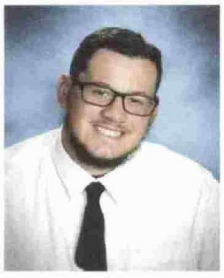
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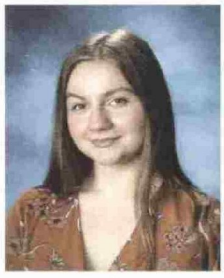
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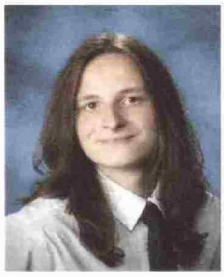
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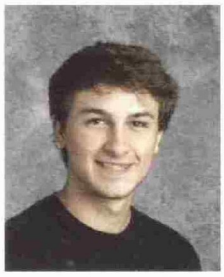
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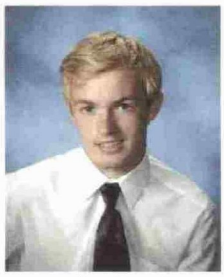
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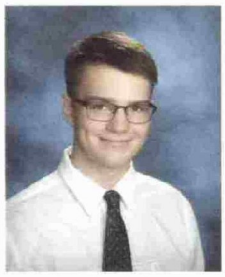
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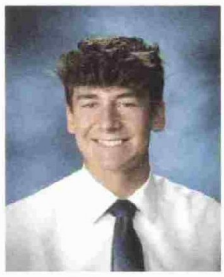
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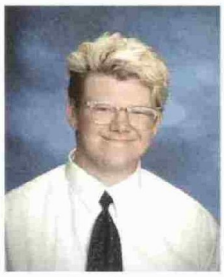
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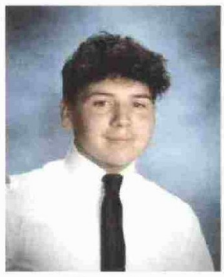
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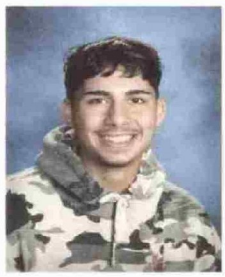
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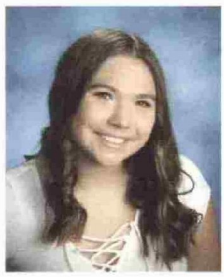
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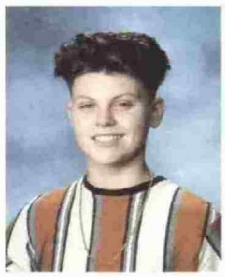
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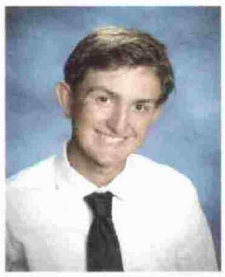
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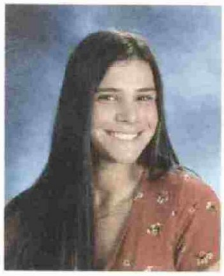
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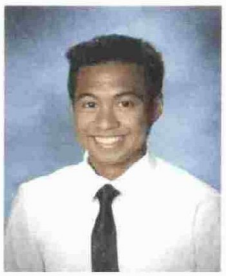
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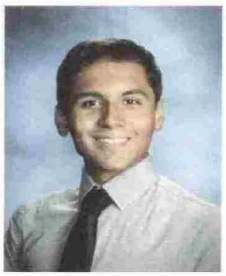
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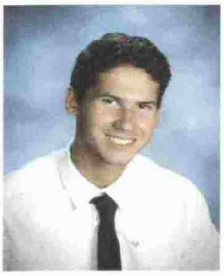
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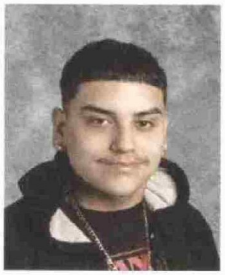
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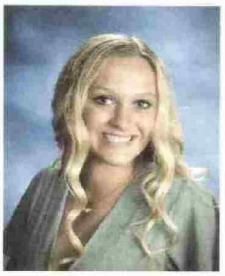
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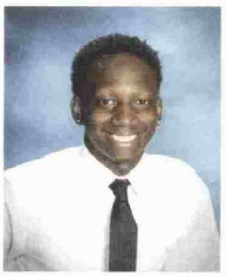
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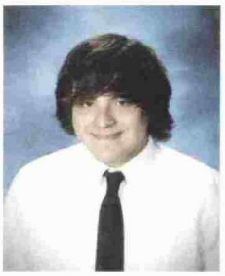
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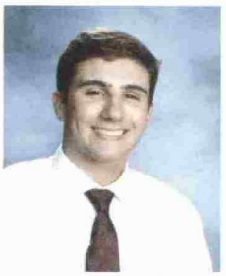
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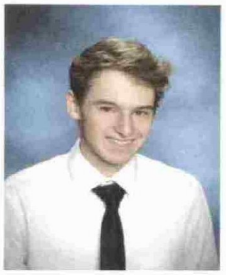
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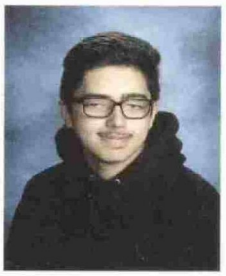
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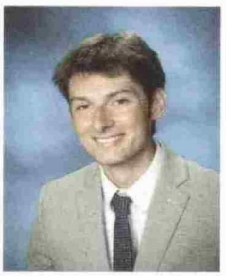
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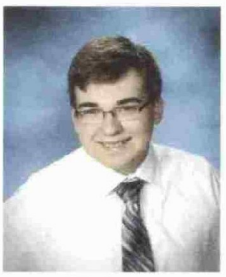
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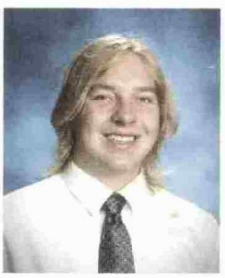
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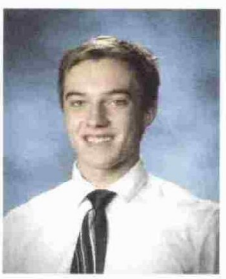
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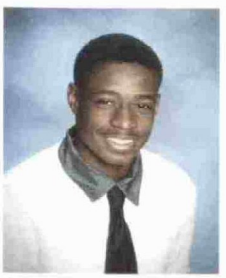
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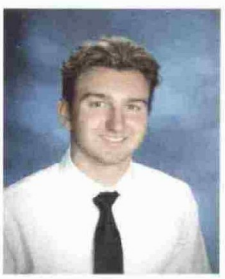
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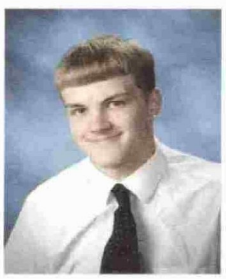
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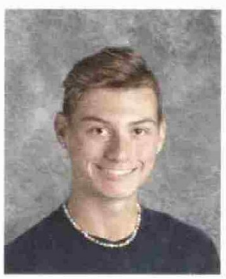
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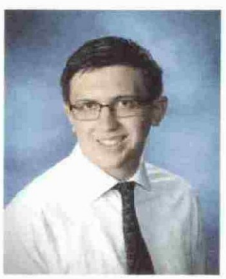
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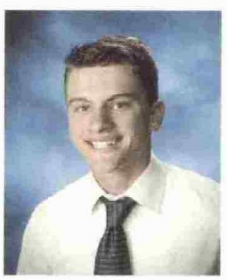
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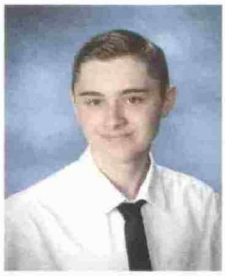
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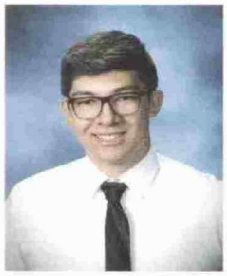
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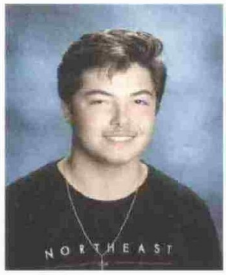

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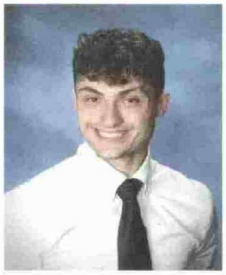
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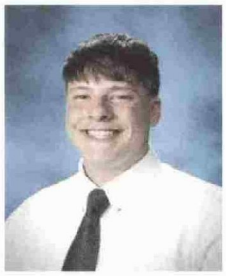
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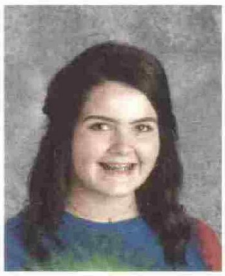
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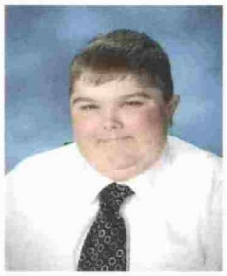
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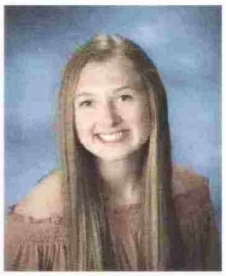
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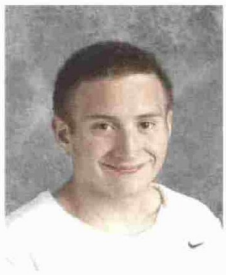
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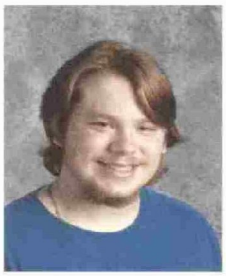
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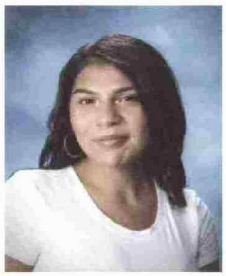
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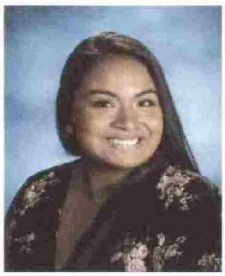
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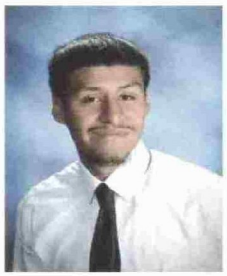
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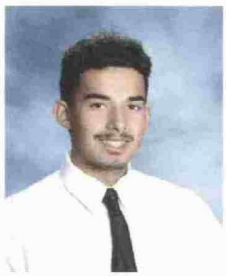
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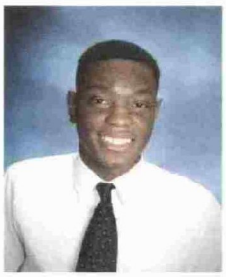
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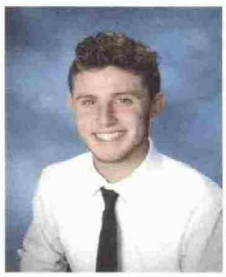
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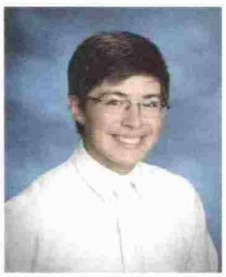
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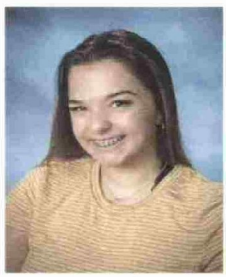
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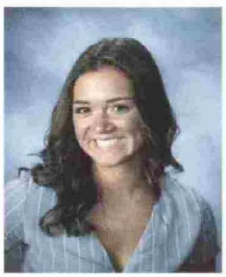
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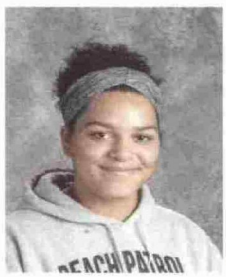
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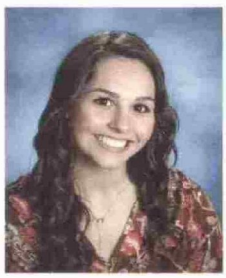
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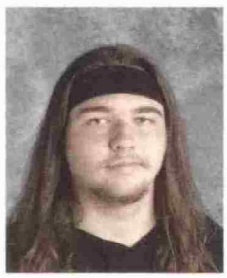
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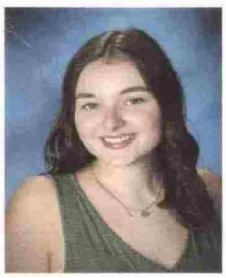
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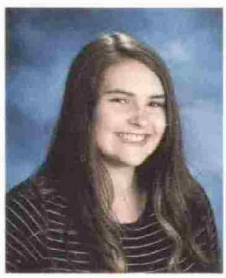
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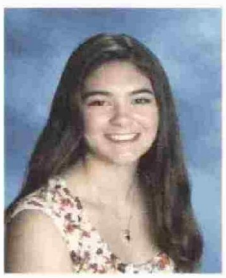
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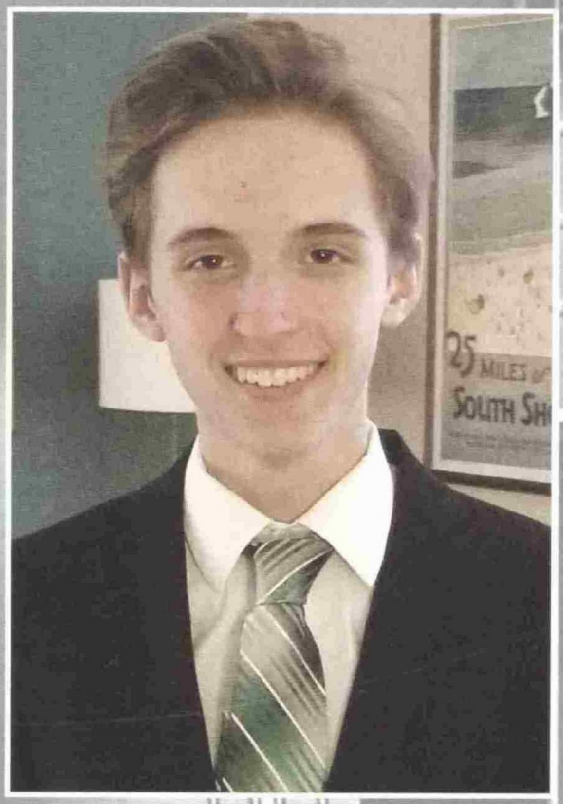

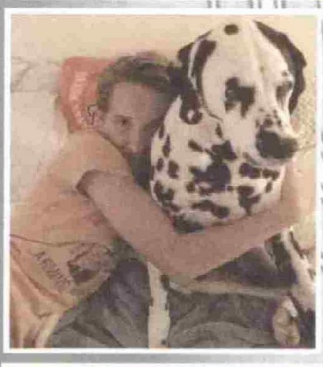

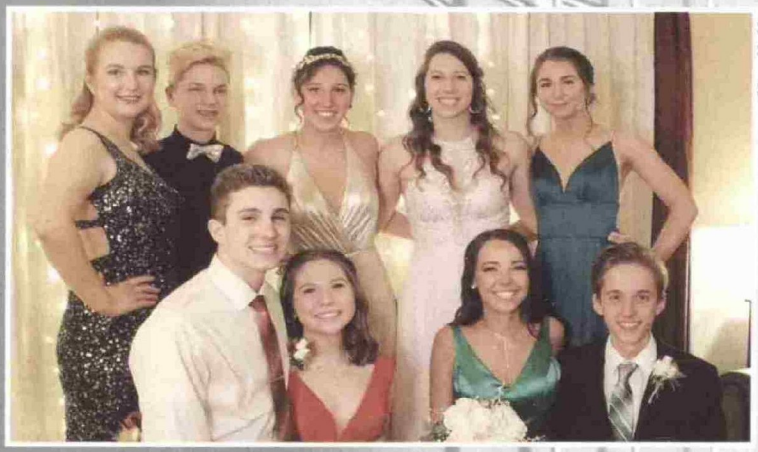

In loving memory of Joshua Lidster

The battles you fought day by day breaks our hearts. Its something no one will ever be able to convey.

Really still can't believe this is real life,
Everyday you fought in your very own strife.
Seeing the pain you handled, it was rife.
Time to rest peacefully, however, in the afterlife.

Its taught to think of the great moments we have which we will reminisce.
Never shall we forget you or the memories that we have, they're so bliss.

Playing the guitar and idolizing many songs we know,
Encasing everyone with your talents, we all felt aglow.
Already it feels as if it was ages ago.
Capturing our hearts, but you would let yours flow.
Every lyric and strum, noticeably, it was your aloe.

Josh we have been brothers since elementary school.
Omitting positive vibes, always, like it's a rule.
Sarcastically joking and making people laugh, your drool,
Happiness constantly being brought, your finest, honorable tool.

While we can't find the words we feel,
we know you'll be here through and through.
Everyone loves you with their heart, more than you'll know,
more than you possibly thought true.

Love isn't strong enough to describe my affection,
Our hearts live together in a special section.
Validating each other, loving, even with our imperfection,
Everyday we'll see you in our own reflection.

Yearning for you, you have always filled me with hope
Onwards we must go, for you, we'll learn to cope.
Until we meet again, I love you, my brotherly misanthrope.

-m. wagner

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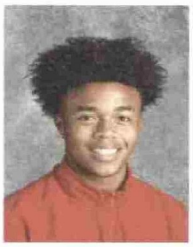
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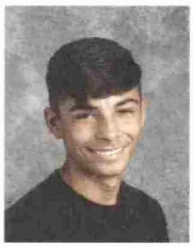
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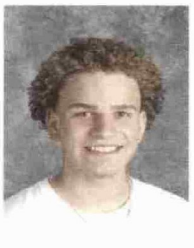
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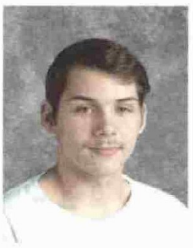
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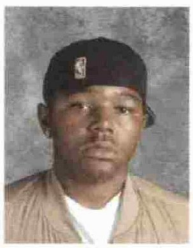
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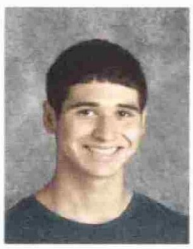
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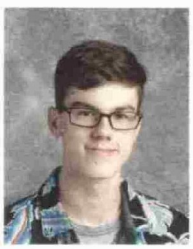
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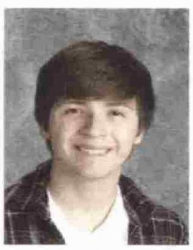
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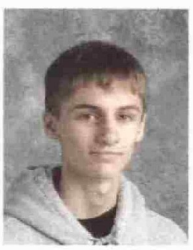
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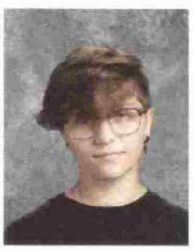
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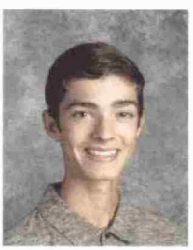
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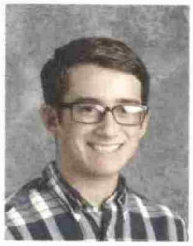
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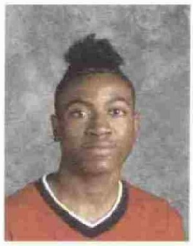
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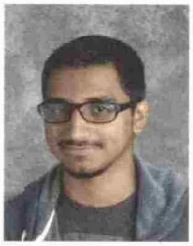
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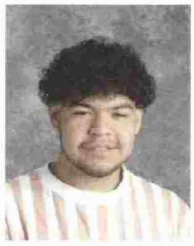
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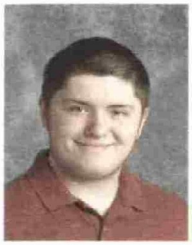
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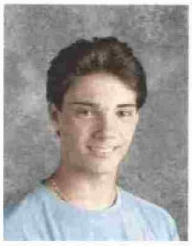
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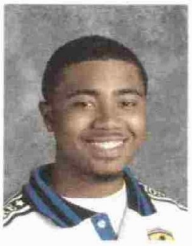
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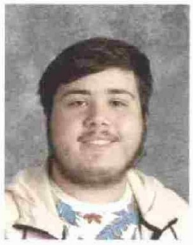
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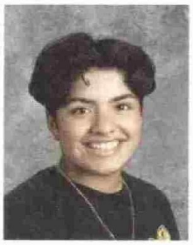
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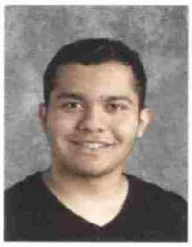
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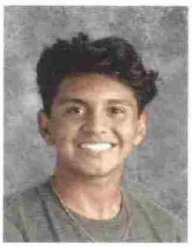
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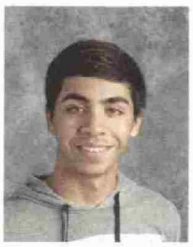
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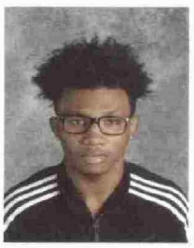
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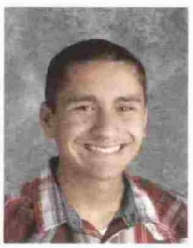
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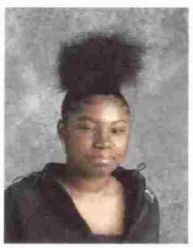
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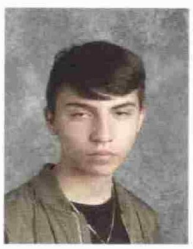
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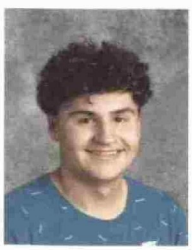
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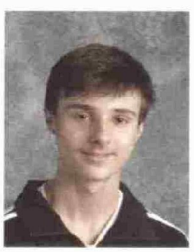
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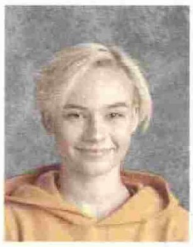
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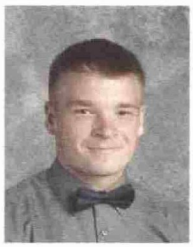
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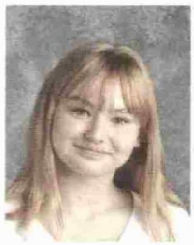
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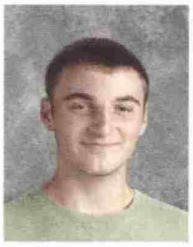
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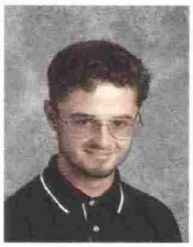
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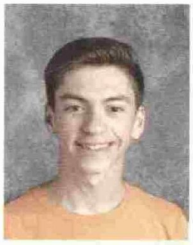
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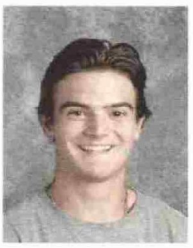
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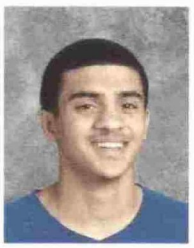
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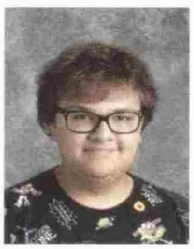
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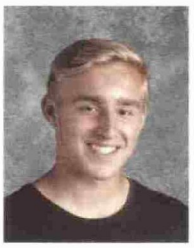
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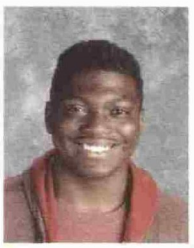
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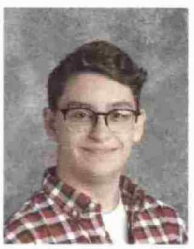
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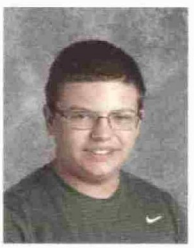
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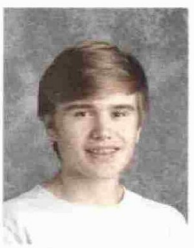
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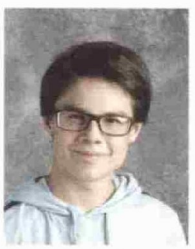
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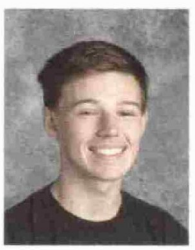
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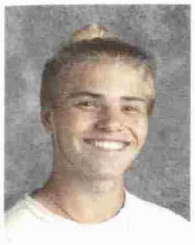
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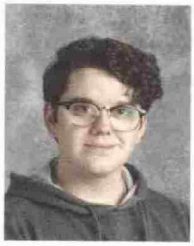
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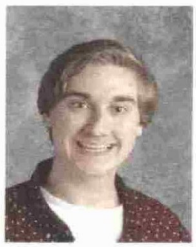
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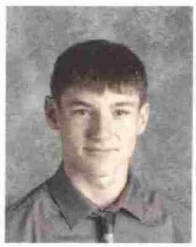
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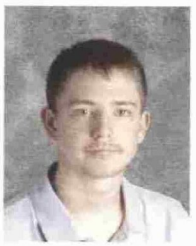
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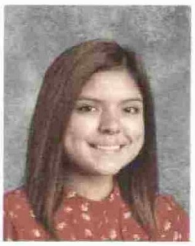
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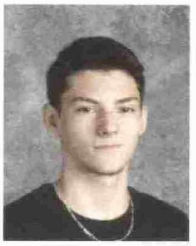
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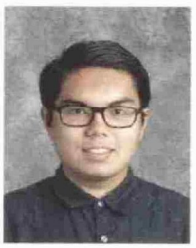
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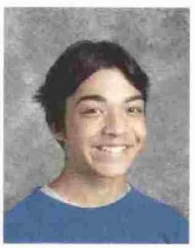
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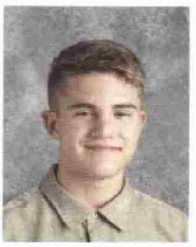
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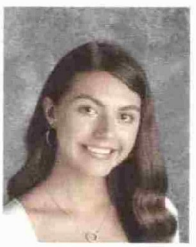
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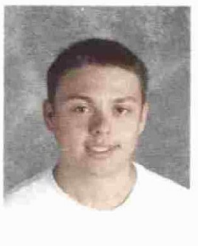
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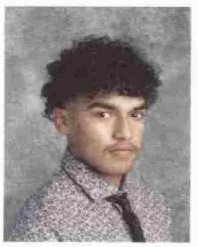
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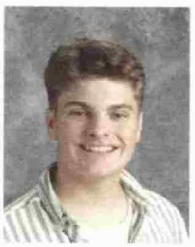
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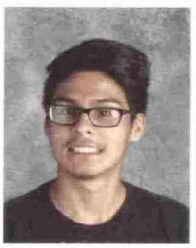
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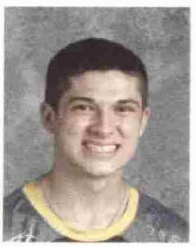
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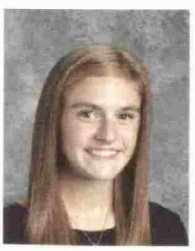
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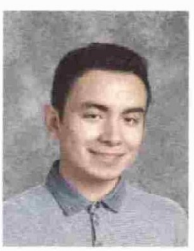
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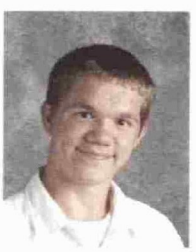
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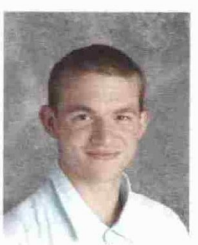
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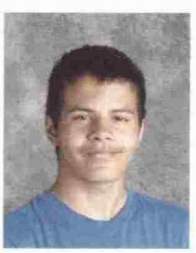
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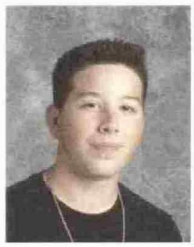
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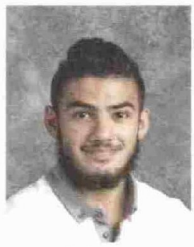
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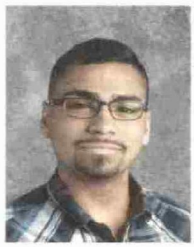
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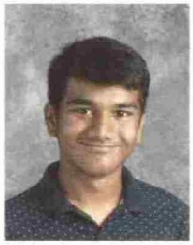
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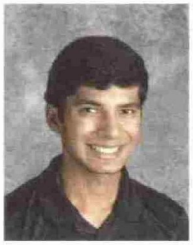
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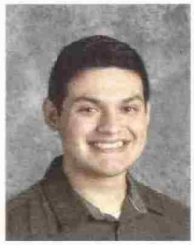
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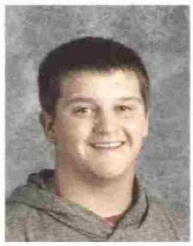
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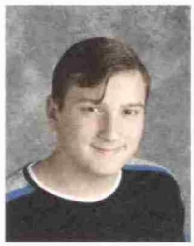
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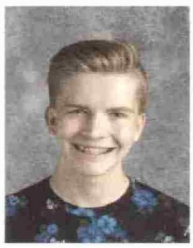
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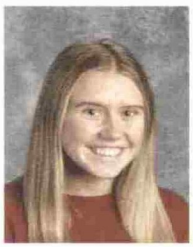
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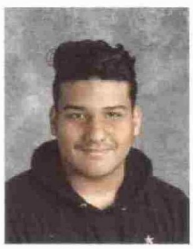
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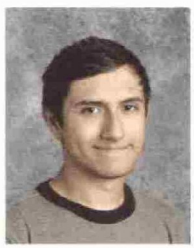
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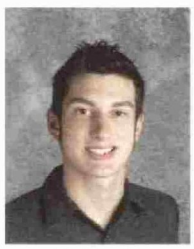
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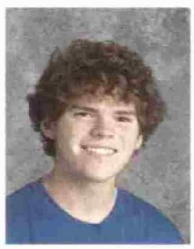
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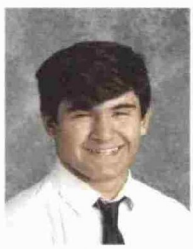
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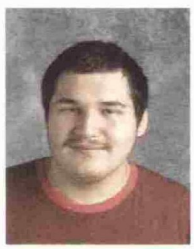
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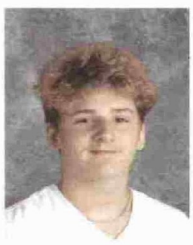
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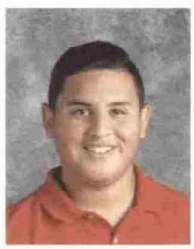
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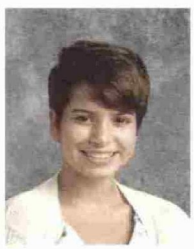
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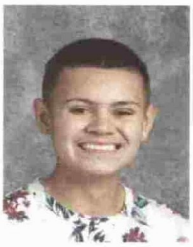
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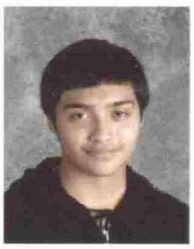
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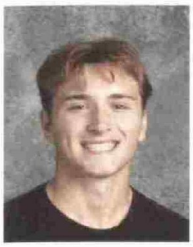
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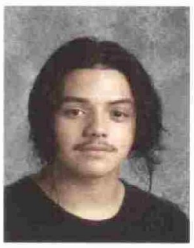
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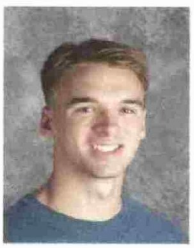
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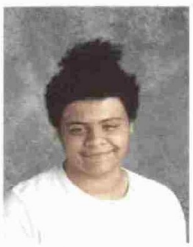
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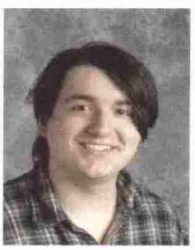
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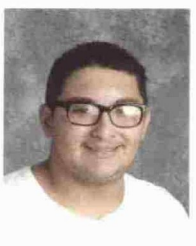
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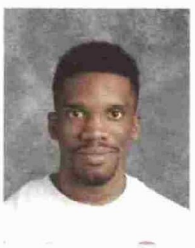
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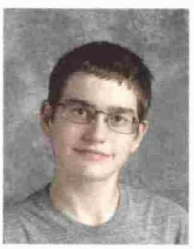
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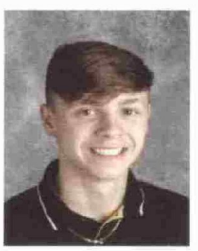
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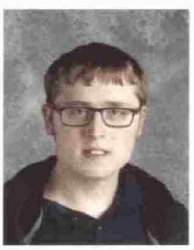
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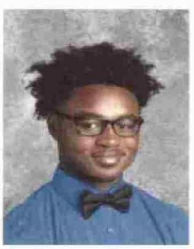
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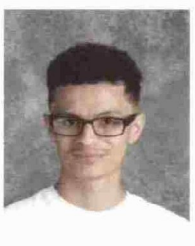
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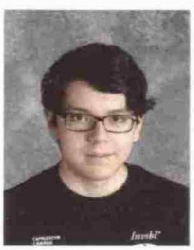
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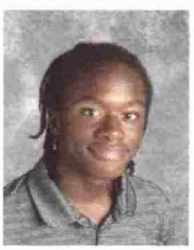
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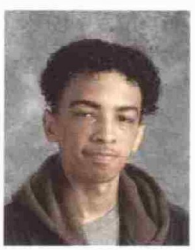
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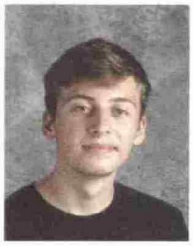
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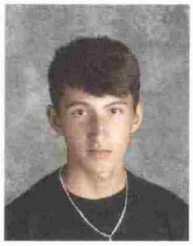
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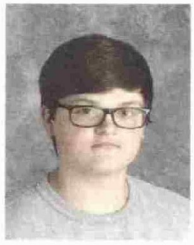
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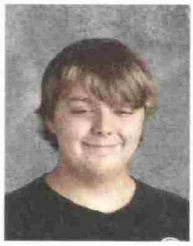
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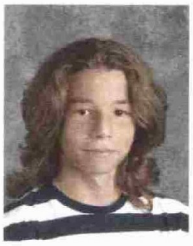
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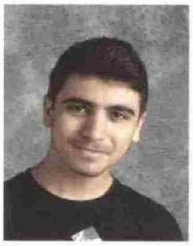
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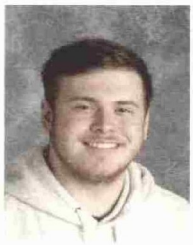
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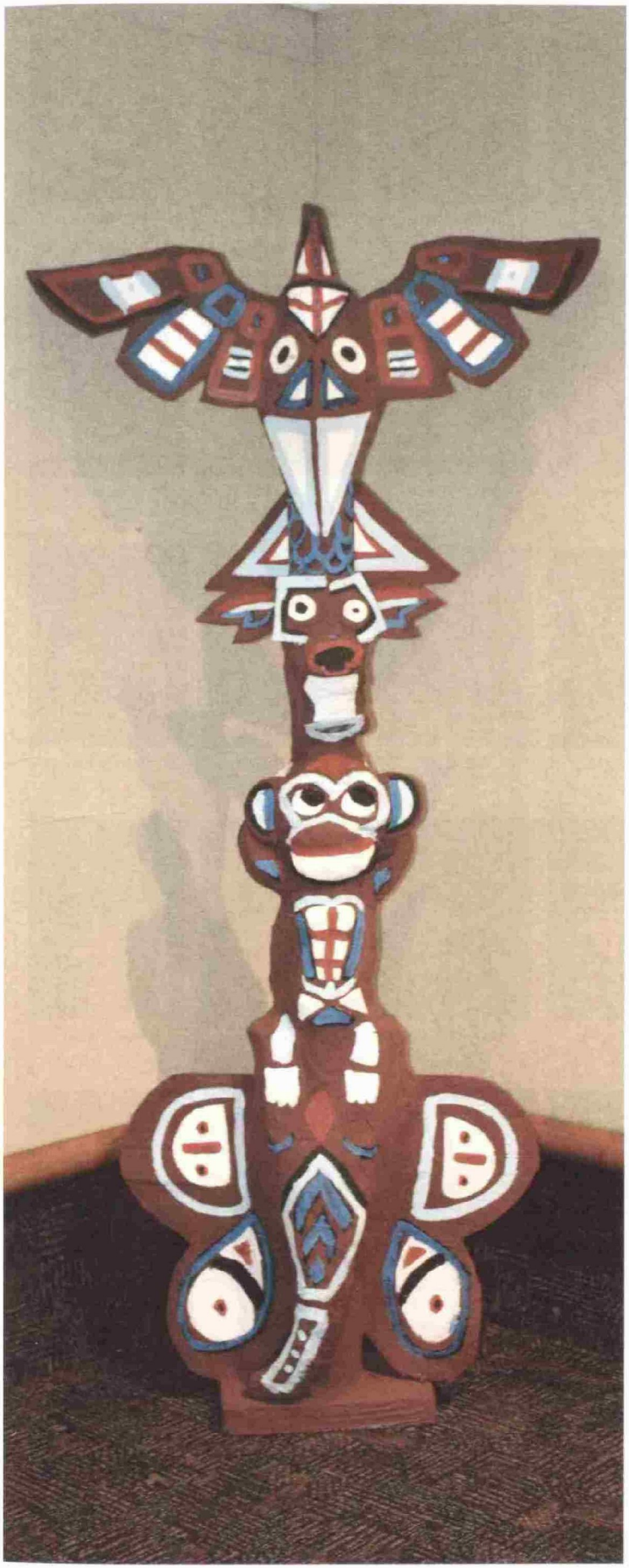

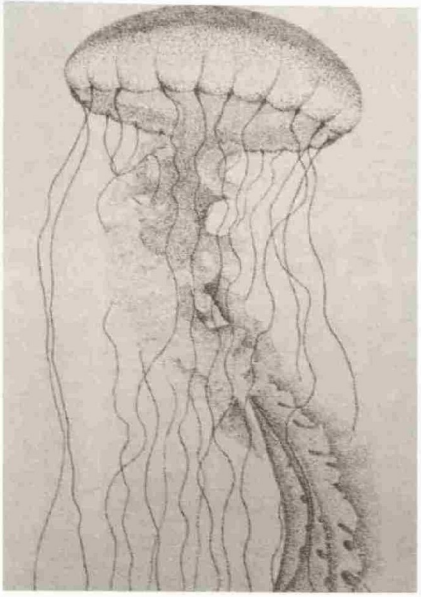

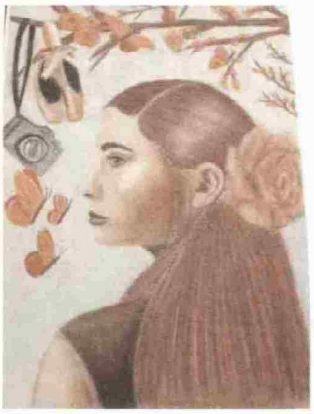

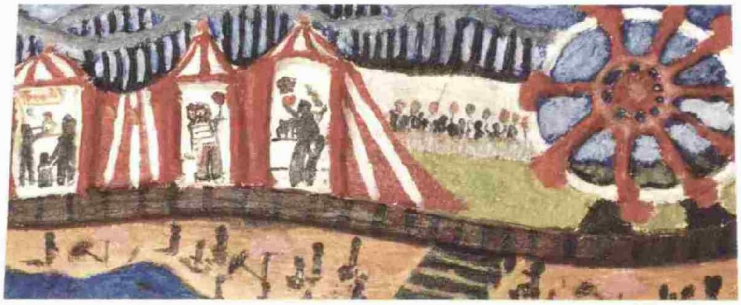

Standing tall with elegance, this statue made by Joseph Kerber (12), took many hours to construct and shape into this beautiful artwork. **On a white sheet of paper,** this jellyfish was created using a dotting technique by Joel Munoz (11). **Capturing fantasy,** Maya Davila (10) created a sculpture embodying creativity. **This bowl handcrafted** by Michael Medina (11) sits displayed on a table. **Using dark lines,** Julia Hart (10) uses details to create a realistic image. **With delicate features and lines,** this portrait by Isabelle Gomez (10) captures realistic features in this portrait. **With vibrant colors,** Romise Dills (11) creates a whimsical work of art.

Art Showcase

With various art classes offered, there are more opportunities for students to express themselves.

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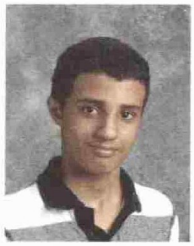
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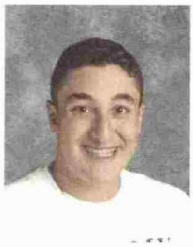
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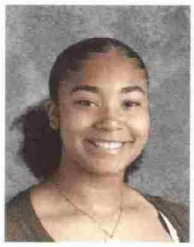
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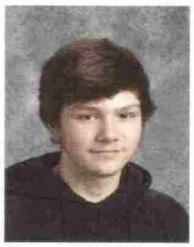
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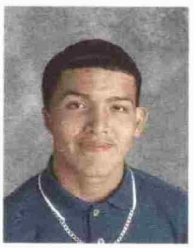
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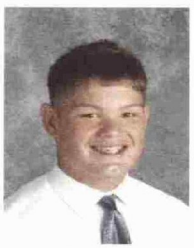
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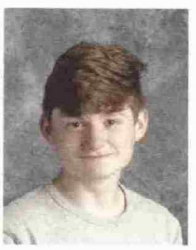
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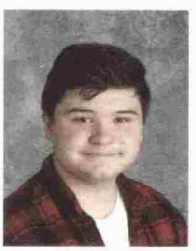
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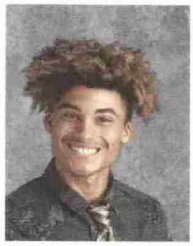
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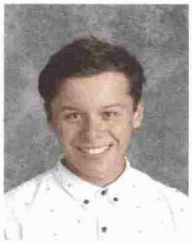
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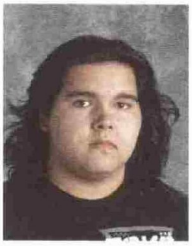
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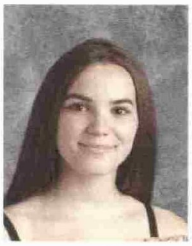
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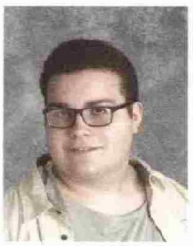
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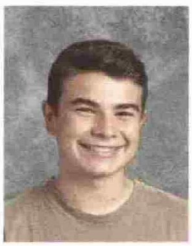
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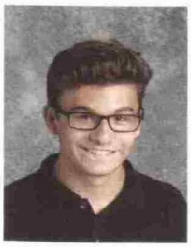
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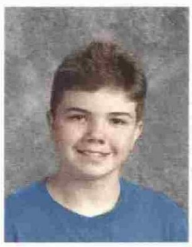
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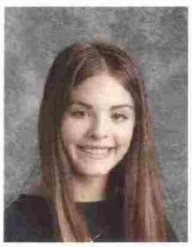
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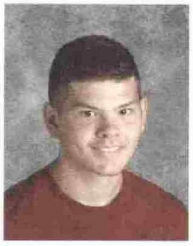
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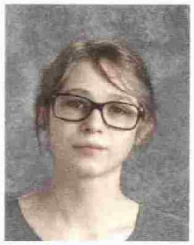
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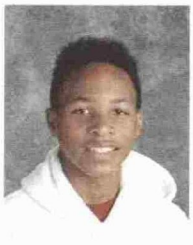
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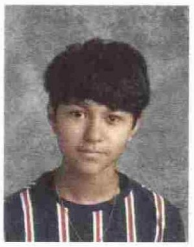
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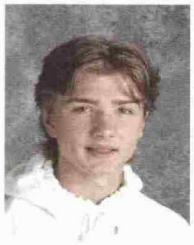
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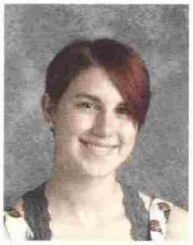
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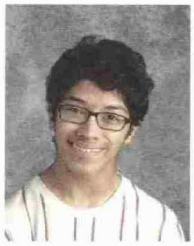
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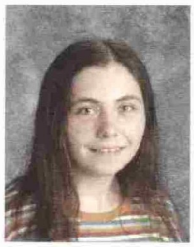
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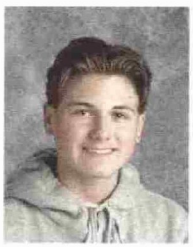
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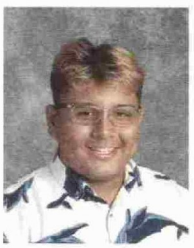
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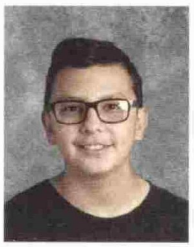
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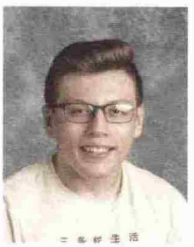
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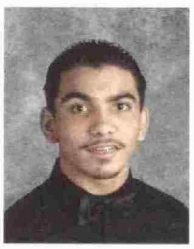
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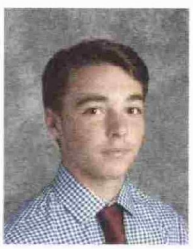
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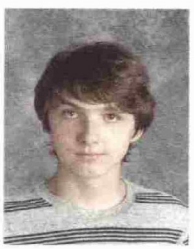
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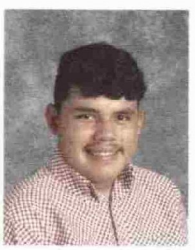
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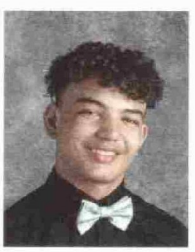
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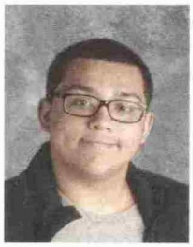
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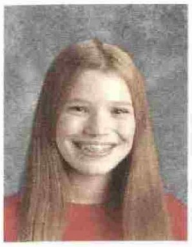
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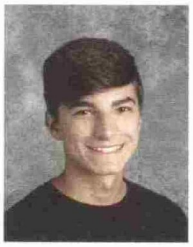
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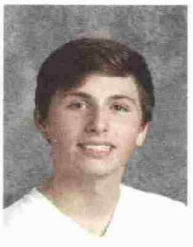
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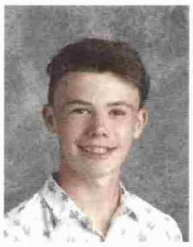
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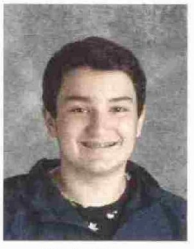
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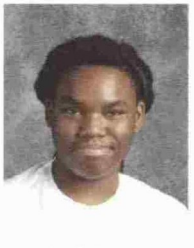
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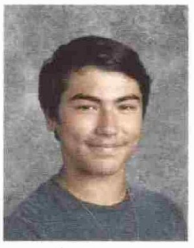
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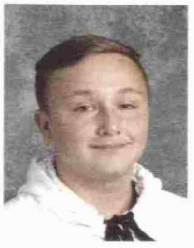
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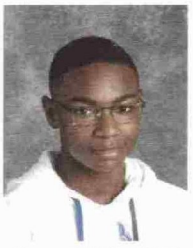
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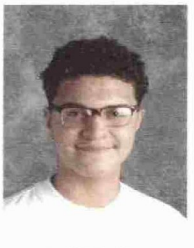
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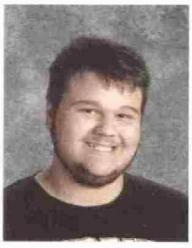
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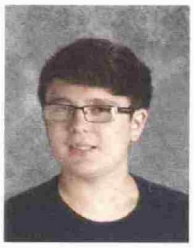
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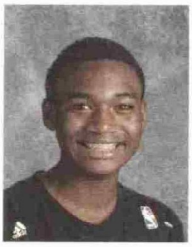
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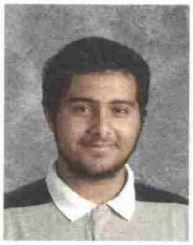
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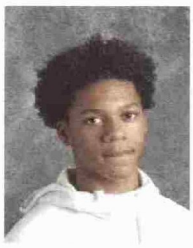
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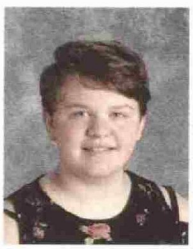
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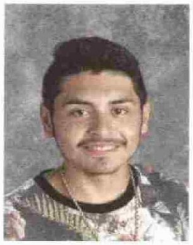
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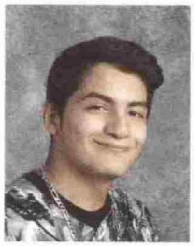
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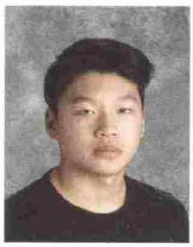
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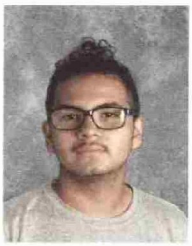
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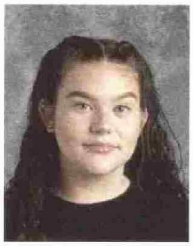
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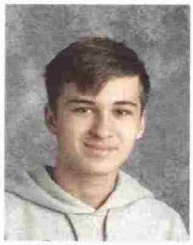
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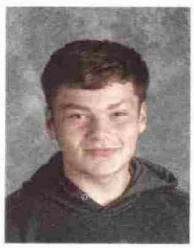
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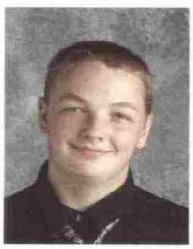
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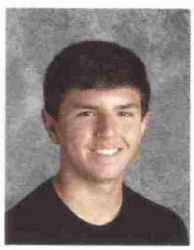
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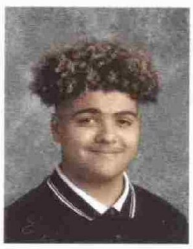
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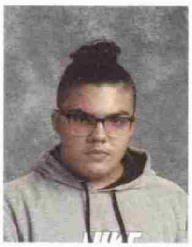
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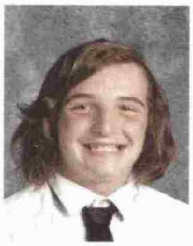
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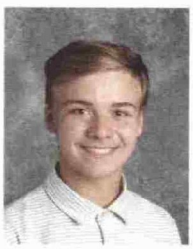
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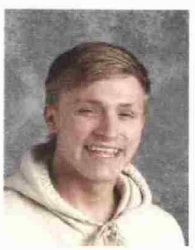
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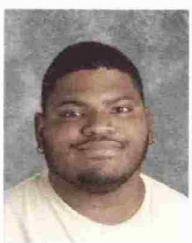
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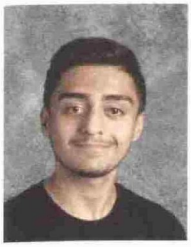
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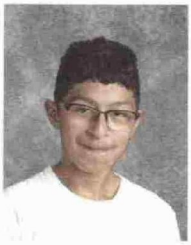
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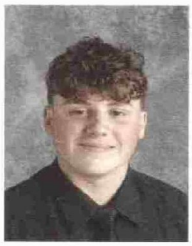
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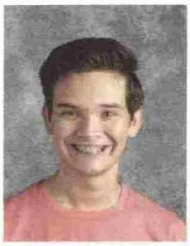
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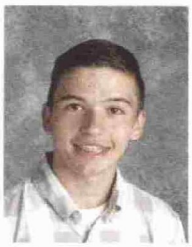
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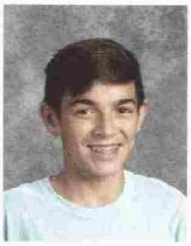
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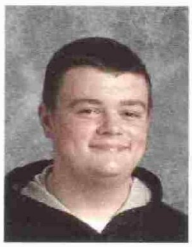
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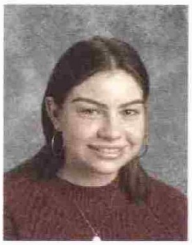
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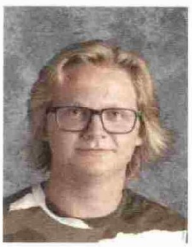
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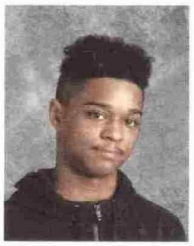
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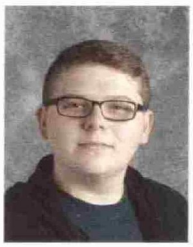
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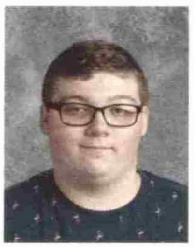
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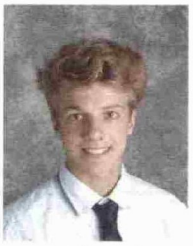
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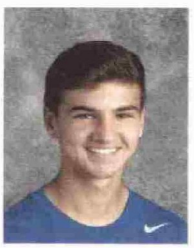
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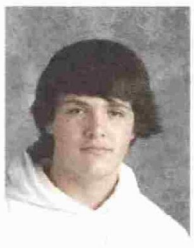
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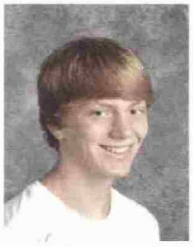
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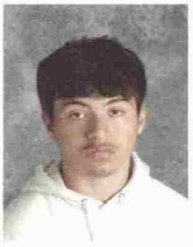
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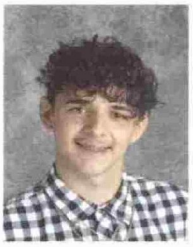
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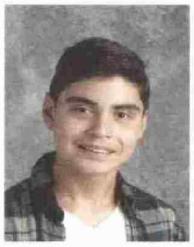
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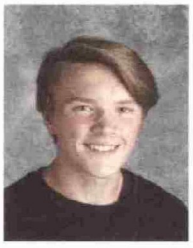
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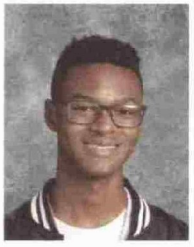
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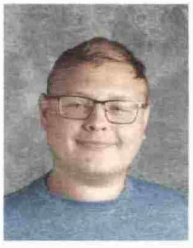
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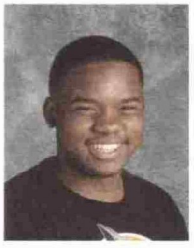
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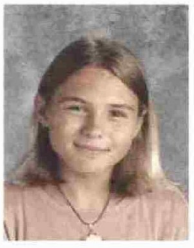
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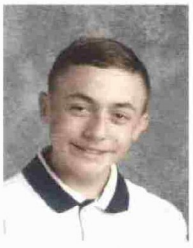
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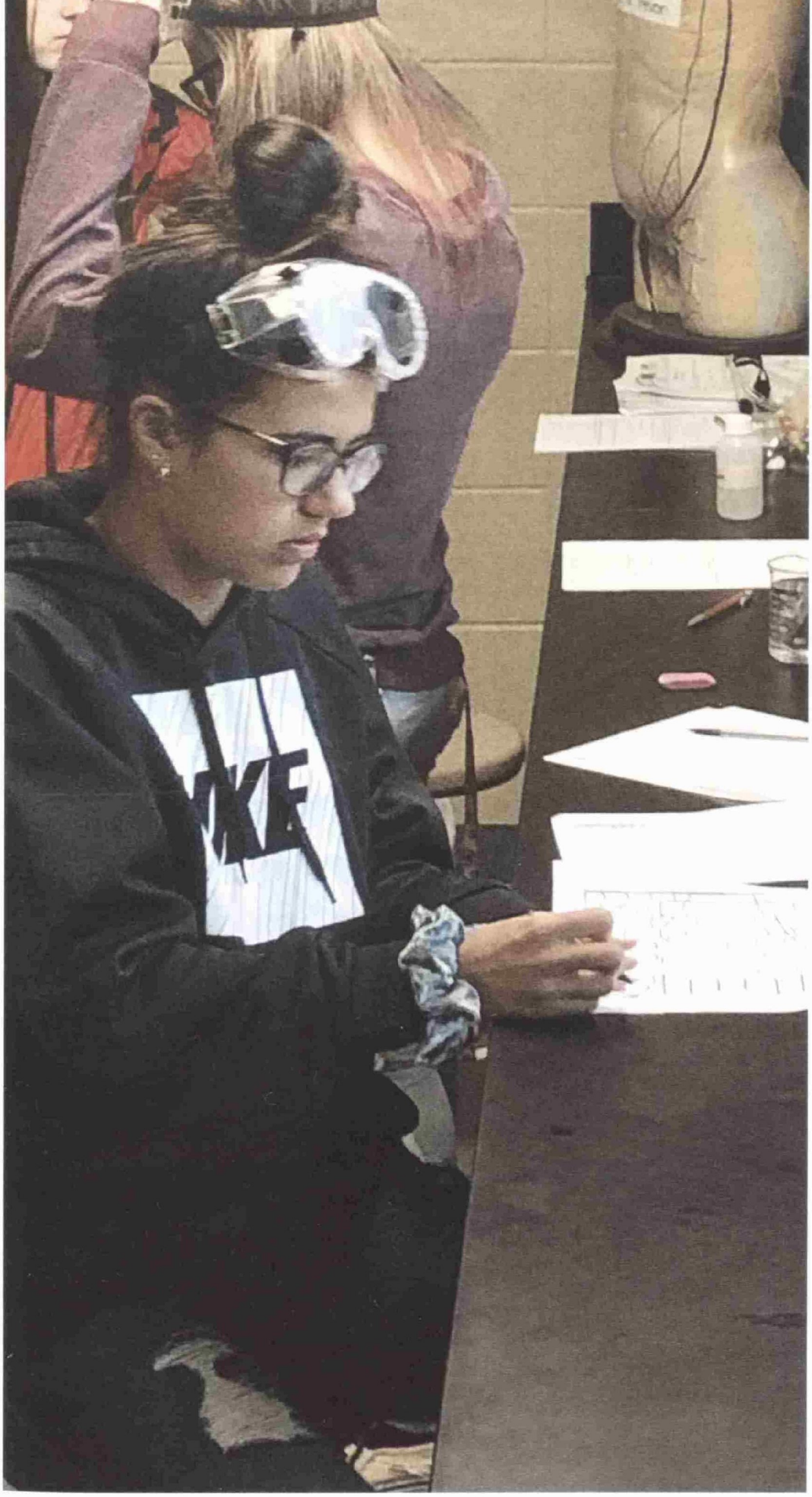

The Value of Life

Increases with Experience

As the coursework through high school, students are exposed to various lessons, labs, speeches, projects, assessments and more. The day to day worksheet may not make the impact that high school students are looking for that will grab their attention and draw them to a course, study, or even post secondary goal. However, the courses that involve hands on learning and experiments seem to ignite the fire of learning and interest. By deviating from the typical busy work and instead allowing for students to learn the concepts through experiments and experience, the lessons learned become natural, enjoyable, and fulfilling.

By working with the data collected in a lab, Kyla Gamez (10) analyzed the information to develop her concluding thoughts on the project.

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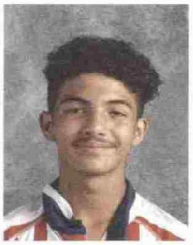
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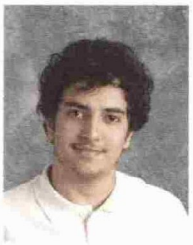
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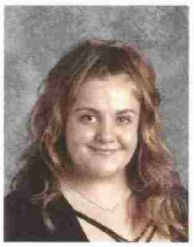
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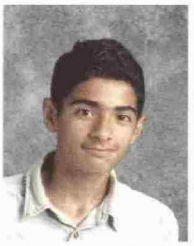
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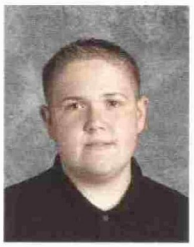
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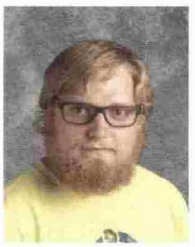
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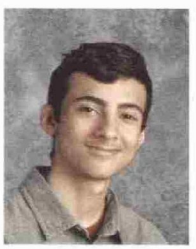
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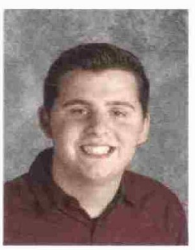
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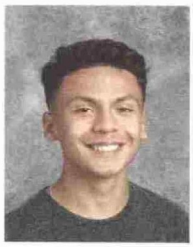
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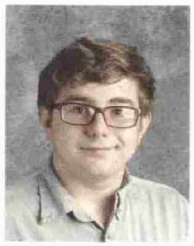
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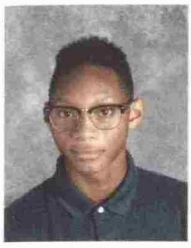
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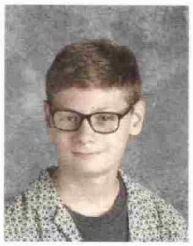
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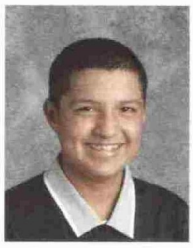
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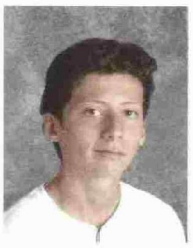
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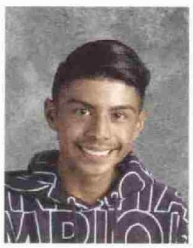
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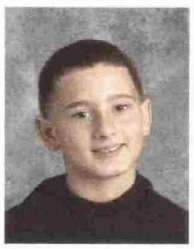
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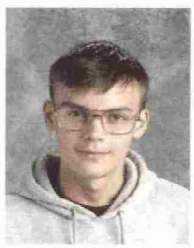
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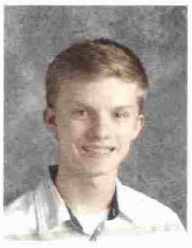
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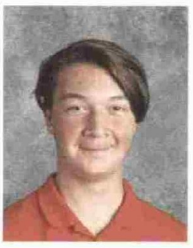
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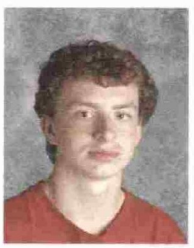
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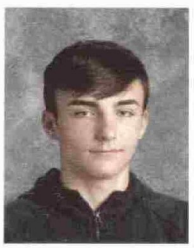
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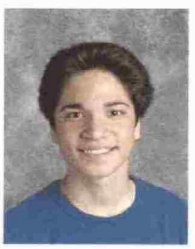
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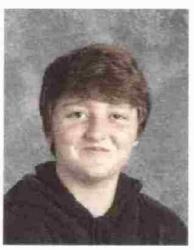
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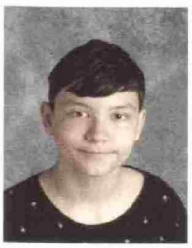
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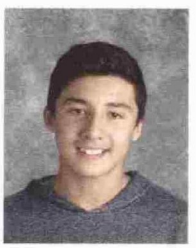
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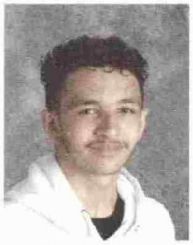
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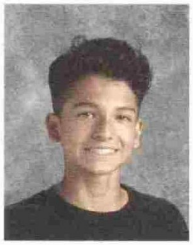
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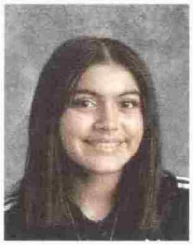
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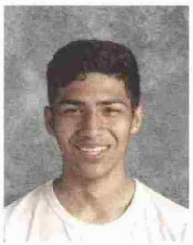
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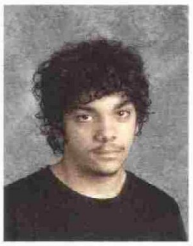
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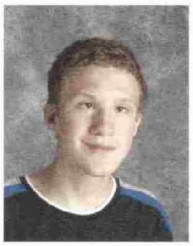
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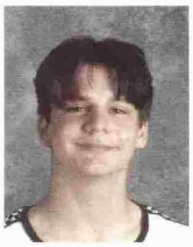
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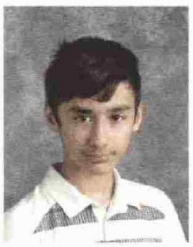
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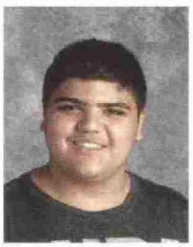
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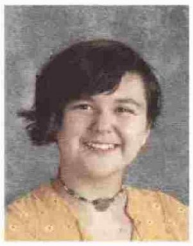
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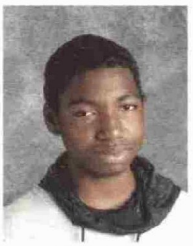
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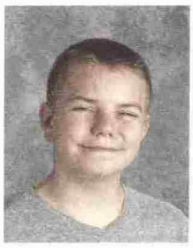
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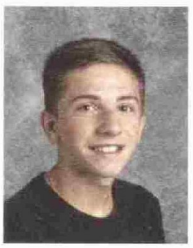
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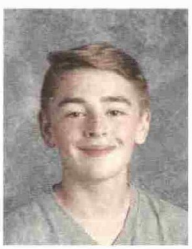
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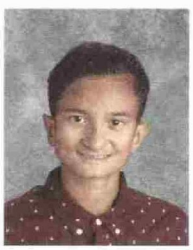
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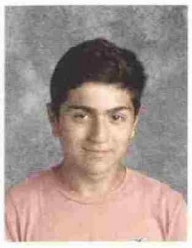
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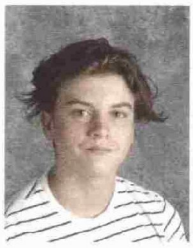
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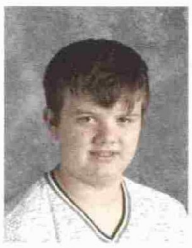
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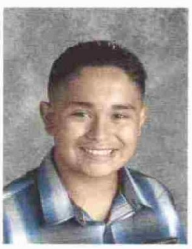
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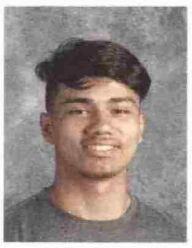
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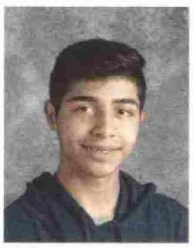
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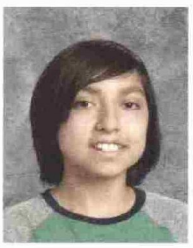
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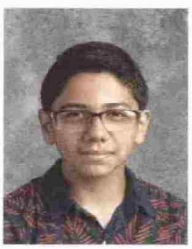
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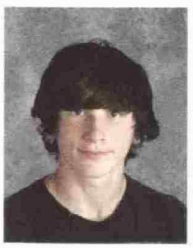
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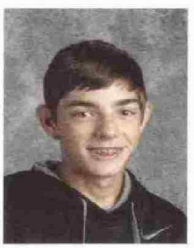
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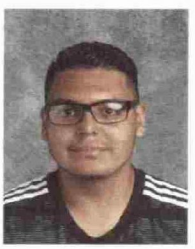
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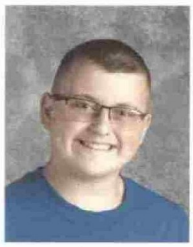
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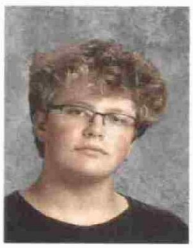
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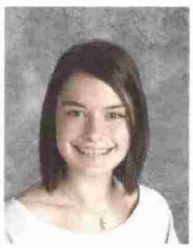
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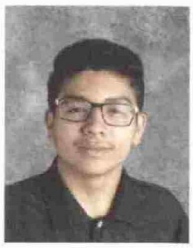
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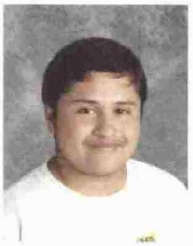
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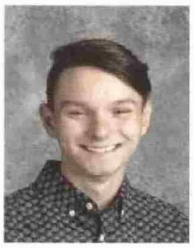
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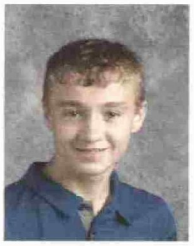
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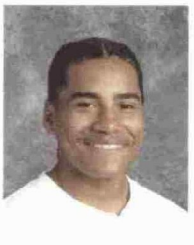
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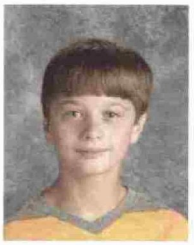
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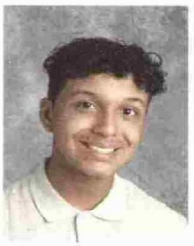
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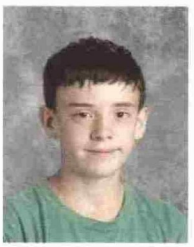
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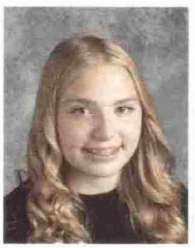
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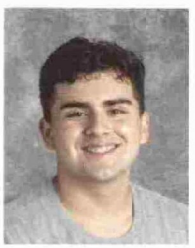
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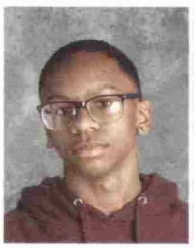
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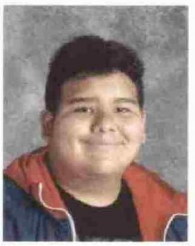
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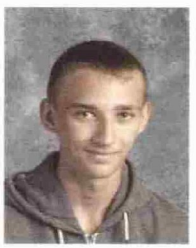
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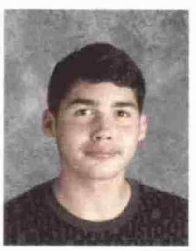
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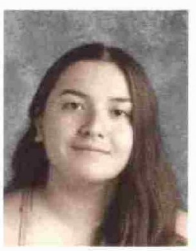
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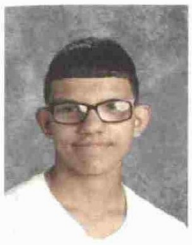
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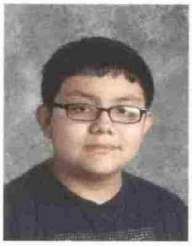
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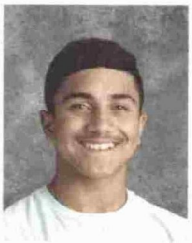
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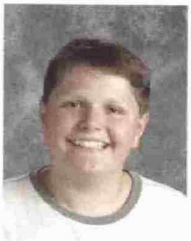
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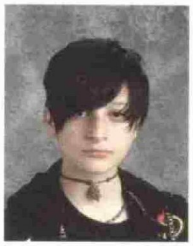
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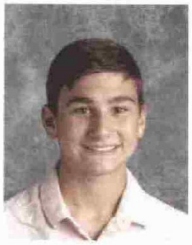
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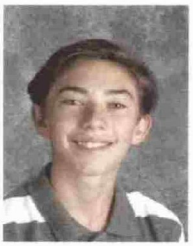
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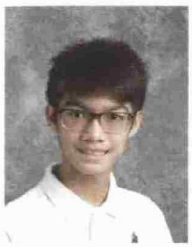
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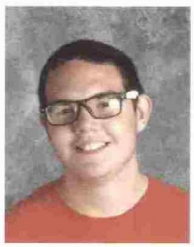
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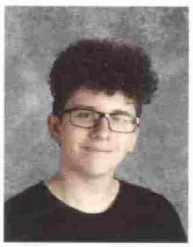
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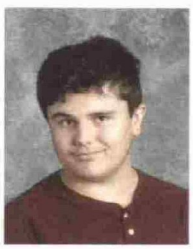
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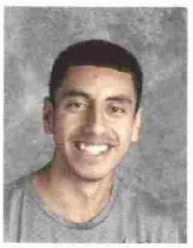
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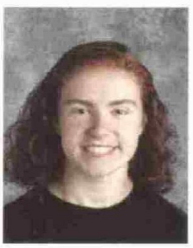
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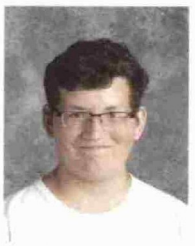
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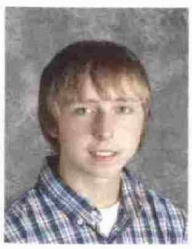
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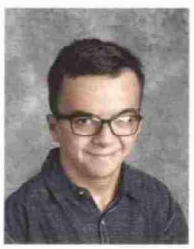
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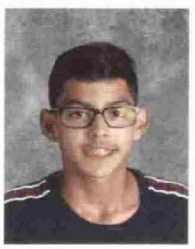
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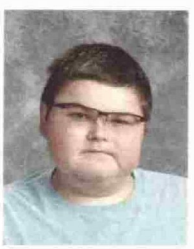
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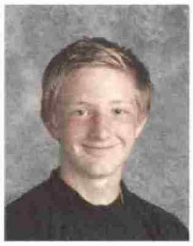
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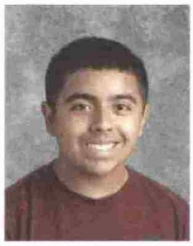
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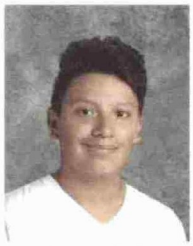
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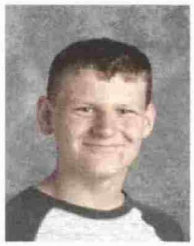
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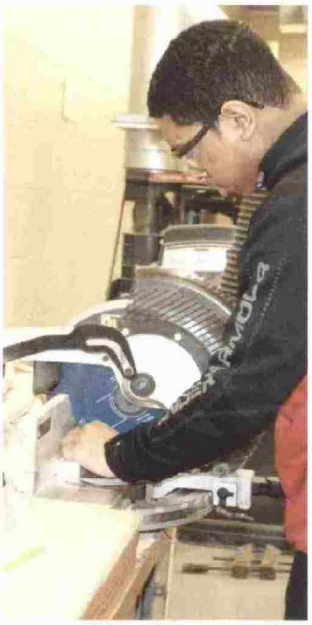
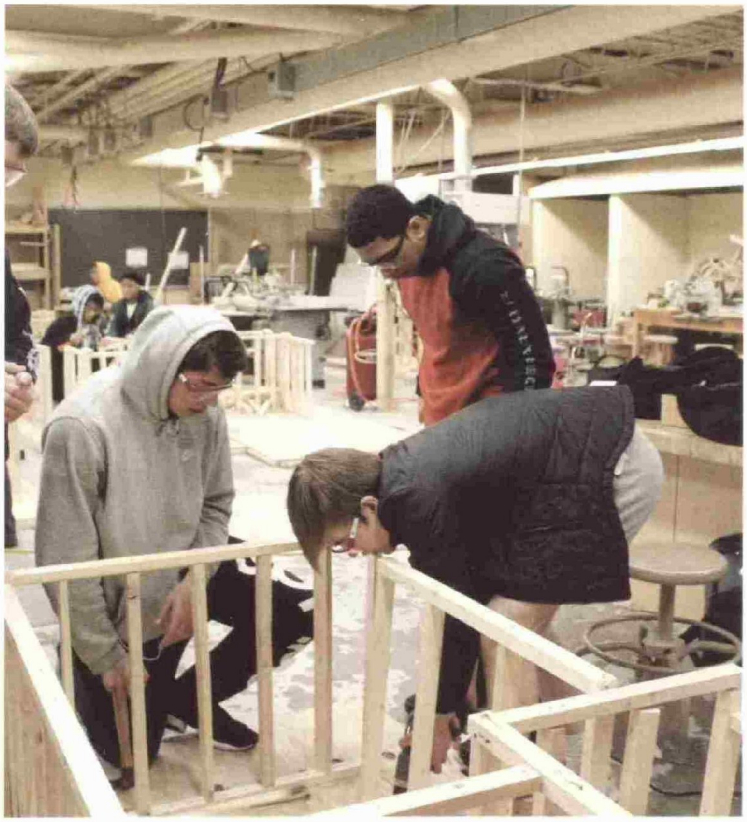
Cutting a piece of wood, Eijon Ford-Thomas (11) work vigilantly and safely to get the perfect size to place at the base of his house model.



Focused on the task at hand, Christian Vale (11) and Summer Thomas (9) hammer at the woodworking project to keep specific dimensions **Finishing the foundation,** Elan Tillges (12) is ready to move on with his model house stable so he can continue the large project.



Working as a team, Ryan Kowalski (11) and Devin Melendez (11) support each other to stabilize their model house so that later they can add more detail to their project.

Starting from *the frame up*

In this class students are able to construct miniature models of real life buildings.

In Mr. Glenn's Introduction to Construction class, students are given the opportunity to learn and create mini models of buildings using accurate measurements, standard power tools, and collaborative hands of classmates. They are able to create the the frames of the building and add things that make their models come to life, such as dry wall, and roofing. They work in groups and everyone has there role to play in finishing their projects making sure to have their works as safe as possible. Some students will go even further with the class, learning more advanced construction techniques later on, and possibly become the builders of tomorrow's homes and businesses. *k. brooks*

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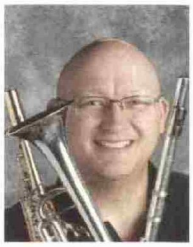
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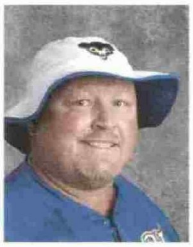
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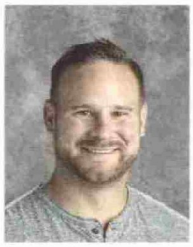
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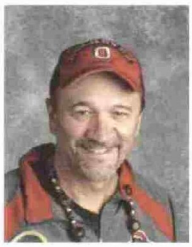
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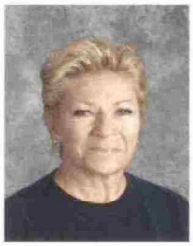
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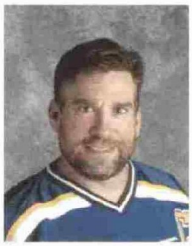
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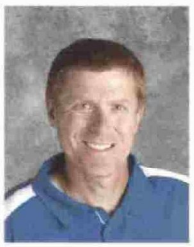
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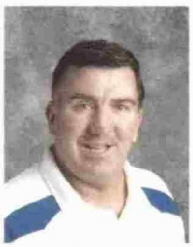
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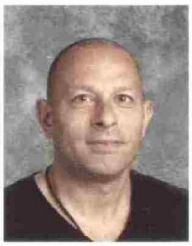
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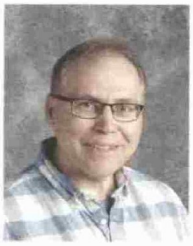
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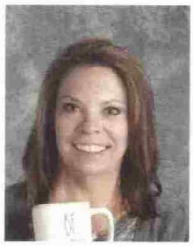
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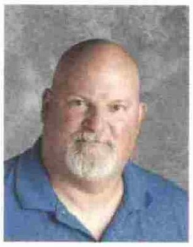
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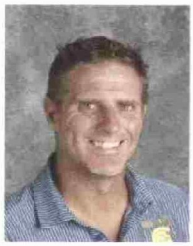
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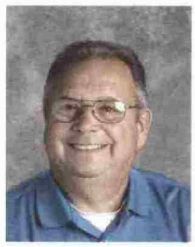
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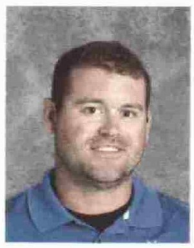
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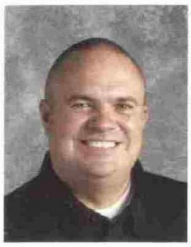
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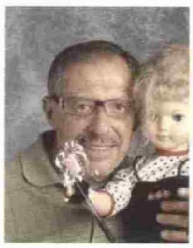
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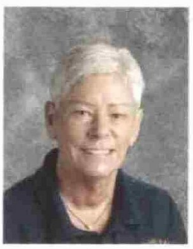
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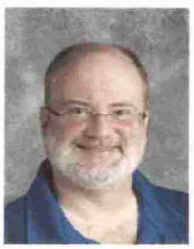
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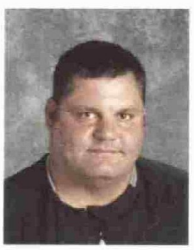
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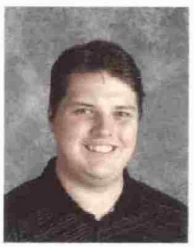
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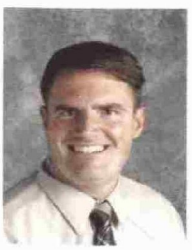
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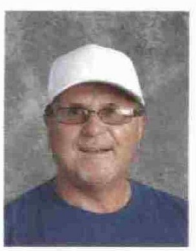
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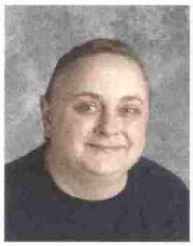
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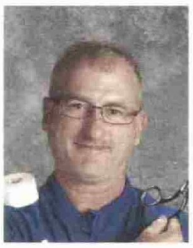
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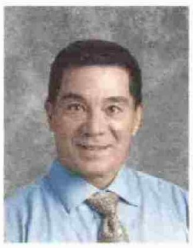
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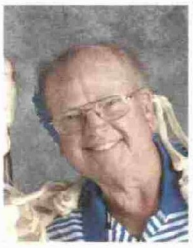
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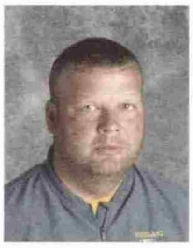
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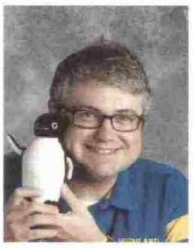
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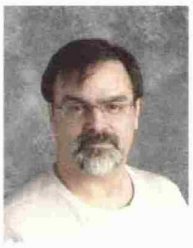
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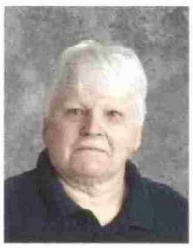
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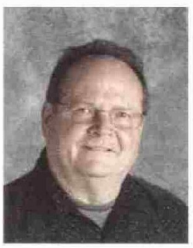
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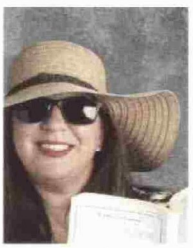
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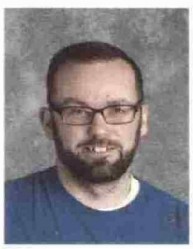
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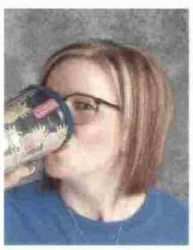
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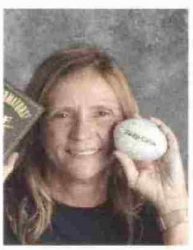
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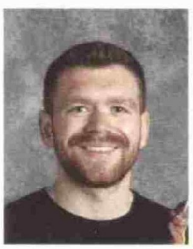
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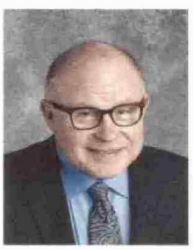
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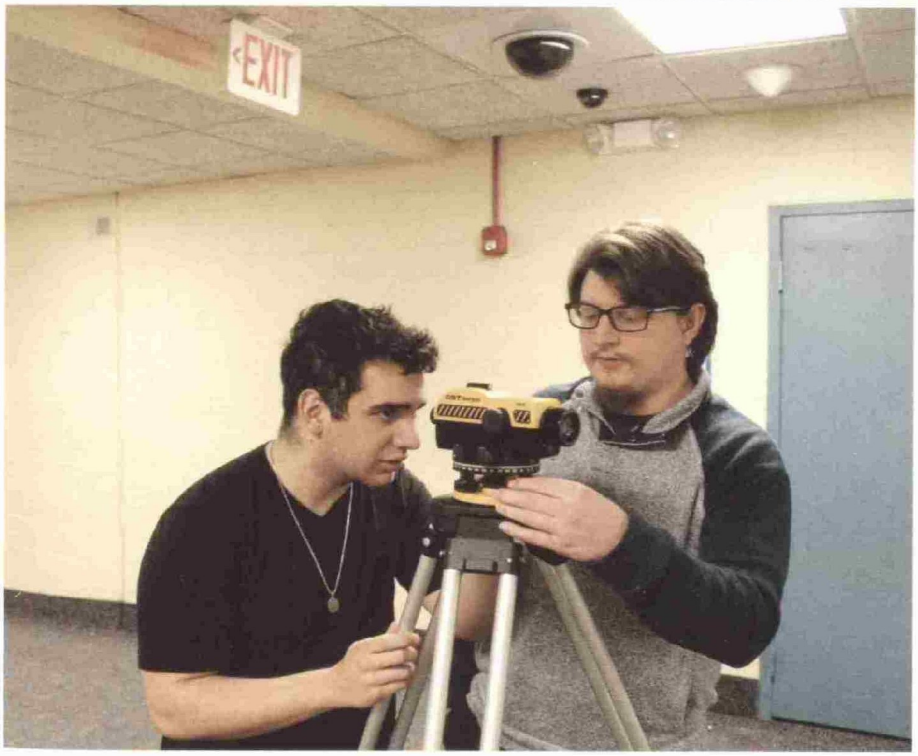

Working on lab set up Mrs. Nicole Weber assisted students in PBIS with their next set of instructions to compile their data. **As the crowd** acknowledged the teachers chosen by girls basketball players, Miss Katie Gilmore was excited about the game plan of the game at hand while Mrs. Elsa Kluga reminisced on many games she coached within that gymnasium. *photo credit: Kluga* **While looking at** the settings, Mr. Dylan Marich assisted Jacob Celestin (12) with measuring the elevation in the hallway outside of his classroom. **To add a little fun to** the day the math department coordinated costumes of the teacher version of Cards Against Humanity for Halloween.

Can I go to the bathroom?
I was just checking the time.
Lemme just finish this game.
I was just texting my mom.
CAN I BORROW A charger?

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KING & QUEEN

Linked in arms, the new homecoming king and queen, Mitchell Wagner (12) and Victoria Guerrero (12) finally are crowned Homecoming King and Queen after a long wait. Guerrero is in dance, and Wagner is on both the football and soccer team. Homecoming is the first dance of the school year and many are excited to hear who won court.

"I was extremely happy to get nominated for homecoming court because I always wanted to be on a court even when I was younger. I thought it would be a good memory from high school I could look back to, even if I did not win. I also had fun on court because I was with a bunch of great people who made the experience worth it. When I was announced homecoming queen, I remember feeling so shocked and ecstatic. I was hoping to break off the crown and hand everyone a piece like in "Mean Girls". I still think of that night as one of the best high school nights I've ever had because it felt like a movie."

Victoria Guerrero (12)

"It was just a crazy feeling; so much happiness and I was kind of overwhelmed. It felt kind of surreal, I didn't really feel like I had been nominated to anything until it finally came where I went into the office and I was being talked to by the [secretaries]. I felt surprised that I won because I didn't think much of it. I didn't really think many people thought I was a good nomination. I probably would say because I try to talk to everyone, make everyone feel included. I just try and be there for everyone."

Mitchell Wagner (12)

"It was fantastic, and it was boring. The lights did not get turned off. It felt like a long line and a disappointment afterward."

Kayley Rowe (12)

"The theme was kind boring, it was as fun as it was past years. I would have preferred it to just be different. Before the dance I was nervous because I was actually going with someone and after the dance was pretty okay."

Autumn Vanderlee (11)

"The theme of something western just makes me laugh a little. I seemed like there was a lot more people involved compared to last time I went. I was very excited for it and afterwards I was very glad I did go."

Mariana Arceo (11)

"I like old western style and the signs with the names on them for the pictures. Really just the dancing. Before the dance i was excited but after i was really tired because i danced a lot but it was a great time."

Eric McMahon (10)

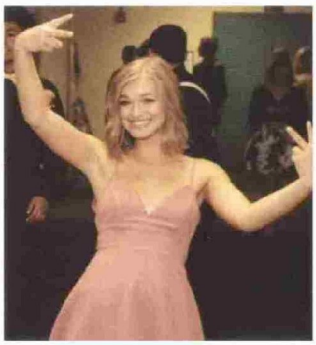
"I though the homecoming theme was really cool, and I didn't really hear about it a lot from other schools so it was unique too. It was kind of stressful before and after the dance."

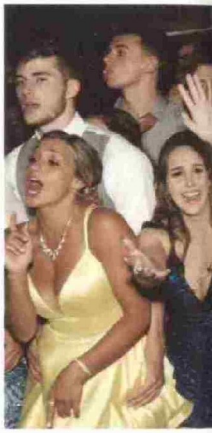
Kayla Harwood, 10

"Students could dress to the theme. It was more enjoyable to see what other people interpreted for the theme. I was excited and expecting it to be really fun to hang out with my friends."

Emily Burris (9)

Scooping up the chance for a photo Kenneth Finke (11), Matthew Izaguirre (9) and Tatem Renninger (9) jump in front of the camera with bright smiles and peace signs. **Stopping to** strike a pose, Julia Hart (11) smiles brightly at the camera in her beautiful gown. **Psyched for the** dance Jessica Hanson (12), Morgan Wynn (12), Emma Hamilton (12) and Margaret McQuillan (12) scream and shout the lyrics to the song playing overhead a they dance amongst another. **Before going out** of the dance Breanna Burbridge and Natalie Fitt (10) grip onto each other and smile brightly as they have a great time together. **With wide smiles,** Garran Grider (12) and Amanda Hoffman (12) take time from their fun inside the gym to take a photo, acting as a chance to forever have this moment.

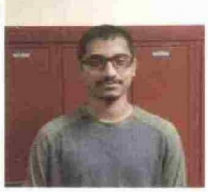




Taking a break, the freshman smile brightly and pose with such delight. Leia rhodes (9), Jennifer Covello (9), Madison Mueller (9) Samantha Smolen (9) Madilyn Burton (9). The quintet were ready to just hang out and be themselves **Before going out** to the dance floor Christopher Dananay (9) smiles with confidence at the camera. Dananay stood just outside the homecoming doors, ready to go.

"I did not want to, I did not have a date and because I do not like the dresses i own, I instead sat in my room and watched Bob Ross. Staying home was more worth it because I do not sleep often and I kind of needed it."

Amirah Grubb, 10

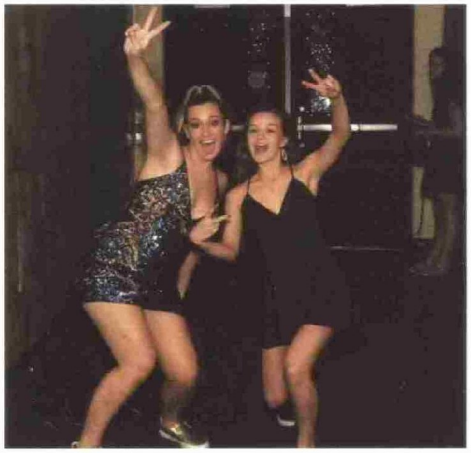


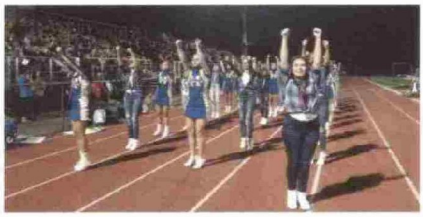
"I did not really want to spend money. I just simply did not want to go. I did the same as every other night and just played video games. Homecoming is a social event that I am not in to."

Julian Camacho, 11

SPIRITED PERFORMANCE

Psyched for the point they just earned, the football team celebrates together before setting up for the next play. The Trojans beat the Mustangs by a margin of 27 points. **In anticipation of** the band coming in after his solo, Preston Walker (10) takes a deep breath as he pulls his trumpet off his face. **Accompanied by** the dance team the cheerleaders perform with all the school spirit they can muster.





"I had other plans, i went to work. I do not regret going because I got paid instead."

Kayla Massa (12)

"None of my friends were going, so I went to my friends house and hung out. I do not really regret it. Maybe, I may go in a future year."

Ava Minchuk (9)

court court

Being in the homecoming court is something many high school students dream of, their dream picture being painted through movie after movie.

With bright smiles, the homecoming court seniors smile brightly. This year being their last homecoming of their high school experience.

The "START" of a perfect shot

Getting ready for the shot Miyah Hinkel (12) crouches down to the the ground to get a better view of the hole and prepares mentally and physically for her swing. She then rises to her feet to see if she was going to be able to make the shot with the information gathered and picks up her club to make her attempt. Positioning her club, Hinkel swings back just to have the ball be hit hard enough to make the shot. Watching with precise eyes, as the ball goes rolling down to the hole. In anticipation, she finds herself waiting to see if her efforts have paid off in a perfect shot.

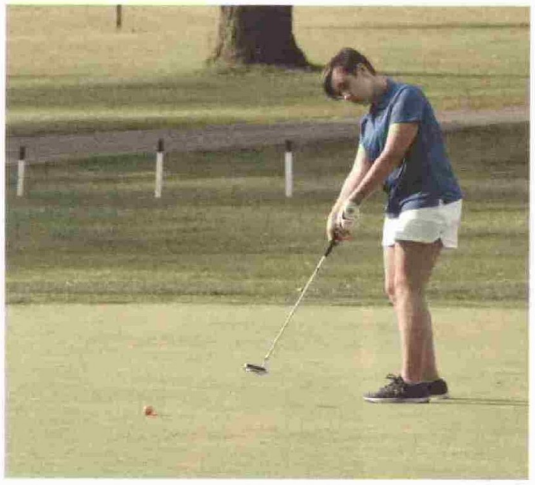
The experiences as a beginner.

Starting Now

The start of a new sport can bring many challenges and struggles to somebody starting out a beginner. It becomes a new responsibility and a new experience opening a gateway to a whole new world of possibilities. Clarissa Koutz (12) and Adeline Hamstra (9) having never played golf before, showed that with perseverance and hard work anything is possible. Koutz said,"I always wanted to start something new, I tried golf and I enjoyed it. I mean I was really bad the whole season, but I loved golf it so it was okay." Hamstra said, "It was definitely a struggle, golf is not an easy sport to learn. I practiced hard, I had somebody help me, I took advice from other players, that helped thrive with my performance. it was a good experience overall."

STARTING SHOTS

Golfing is a struggle and a delight that only so many people can enjoy. These girls have made their season worth while having one of their own go to regionals; which, is something that takes everybody as a team to accomplish.



In order to get a good swing in, Clarissa Koutz (12) positions herself to make a perfect swing that will boost her score and make this her best swing of the game, making her fellow teammates very proud.
Caught in the spirit of the moment, Adeline Hamstra (9) watches the ball as it moves toward the hole, positive that she made the right choices in her swing to make one more shot closer to getting the ball in the hole.

Carefully watching the ball, Alexis Whitehead (12) takes a swing with immense precision to earn a perfect shot. The season has been eventful, as her team achieved regionals and as a senior this made it her last season. The biggest change this season had to offer was that she started late having gone on trips before the season. Since the season had changed, Whitehead said, "It kind of sucked. I definitely missed the first two weeks because I was on trips."

SENIOR YEAR

Starts early for girls golf team members.

Battleground *is the final start*

On her way to her final golf season, Olivia Smith (12) perfects her techniques on the tee, greens, fairways and bunkers. Throughout the season, the senior captain led the team in the number one spot that allowed her personally to advance to regionals. At a tough Battleground regional golf tournament Smith landed a score of 96. While her high school season came to an end, Smith states, "I was excited, I was really happy it was over, but I was excited that I got to go. We've had a Highland person go to regionals the past five years so I was glad that I continued that streak."

18 HOLES

The game allows for a new start 18 different times. The girls tell how they recoup after each round.

"I don't have pre-match feelings, I just get ready to go and try as hard as I can. When I'm on a difficult hole I tend to try to think positive no matter the outcome of the shots. When I'm getting ready I try to clear my mind and not think of anything that could be distracting to my swing."
Clarissa Koutz (12)

"The way I motivate myself when I start a difficult hole, it's like, if I just had a great hole, the next one might be great. You can't use any negativity when going against your obstacles. You just kind of have to keep moving forward I mean, we're all just doing it to have fun and enjoy it."
Alexis Whitehead (12)

" When I'm nervous I try to be positive because golf is kind of a mind game. It honestly depends on how the previous hole went, like, if you had a bad score you have to learn to fix yourself back up because you still have more playing to do."
Miyah Hinkel (12)

"I tell myself that if I fail I've done good before so this one won't make my score very low overall, and to be honest I've gotten much better so you're probably not going to fail. It's different every time and if I'm really nervous I count to ten to calm myself down.
Adeline Hamstra (9)

"I think that there are so many other chances to do better and if it's a nine hole tournament then you have eight other holes that you still have to get done or if its 18 holes you still have 17 other holes that you have to get done, you can't let one bad hole ruin your day.
Olivia Smith (12)

"Last year I was with my friends, they were guys from the tennis team and we both love sports and were both pretty athletic why not give a try."
Connor Raab (10)

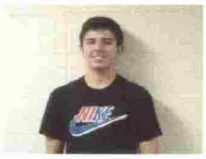
"I joined it because I know a lot of people who joined tennis and they all wanted me to play. It was fun but it was very hard to win games. I wish I had started sooner.
Joseph Klapkowski (11)

"Tennis is a great stress reliever and I'm good. I started playing tennis with my brother and I discovered that I actually like it a lot."
Shivam Patel (11)

NEXT YEAR START

"I do plan on playing tennis next year because I just like playing it and I really bonded with the team. I wish I started playing it earlier, I plan on making next year better."
Aum Patel (11)

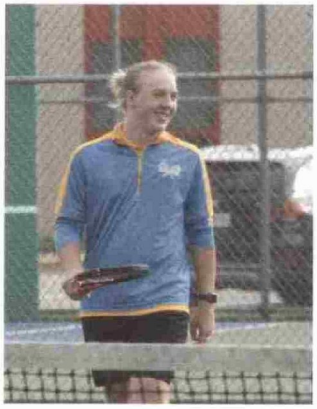
"Definitely hitting the ball over the net, it was a struggle last year but I improved this year. It was a lot of fun the last two years I plan on doing it in the next two."
Bryce Ozelie (10)



"I was nervous because I had not played since I was 7 and after a few minutes of it I got used to it and just relaxed. I plan to play all 4 years."
Hunter Kammer (9)

"It will be kinda sad not it is just my last year playing tennis its just gonna be sad in general leaving high school because its a lot of fun playing tennis and I made a lot of memories."
Jason Merkel (11)

"I really enjoyed it when I did play this year and the boys on the team are really nice. I was very nervous, I didn't win but I really tried my hardest."
Bradlee Seehausen (10)



LAST Game of the year

Amused with his latest shot, Martis Sprenne (12) happily waits for the next thing to happen to proceed with the game. He was at Munster playing at sectionals on the varsity team making a big contribution to the team of 11." I was in a good mood just to like make sure everybody stayed positive." After taking his best shot, Daniel Wilson (12) finishes his back swing, hoping that he made a good move, he closes his eyes to compose himself. When asked about playing at sectionals Wilson states, " I feel like I did a good job of representing highland Varsity singles."

The Chance to Succeed

While waiting for his turn Bradlee Seehausen (10) shuffles along the court waiting for his upcoming turn to show everyone what he is capable of doing and is more then what they expect.
In an effort to be ahead of the game Joseph Klapkowski (11) stands in a ready stance to watch the opposing team to make sure the other team doesn't catch him off guard so he can take his chance to take action.

"... we didn't have a volleyball team and it was the closest thing and what ended [up] keeping me in it was that I made some friends and it was kinda fun..."
Martis Sprenne (12)

"I joined Tennis because I liked playing ping pong and I kinda picked it up pretty quickly... I'll definitely miss the long bus rides to different matches..."
Daniel Wilson (12)

WHY TENNIS?

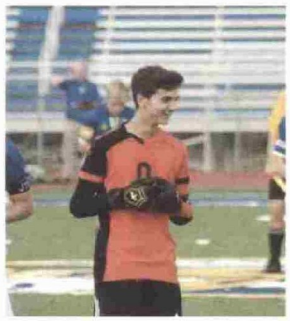
The Swing of Things

Starting tennis wasn't easy for them but they made it through their Junior year of tennis. Hopefully, they prepared themselves enough for a higher level.

Paying special attention to the ball Lan New (11) watched the ball with precision ready to make his shot as perfect as he can get it to catch the other team off guard before making his next move. **Lining up his** shot, Shivam Patel (11) hit the ball with immense power making sure it was his best shot in the whole game.

With a look of determination, Daniel Wilson (12) stands his ground to prepare his next move on the unknowing opponent.

Trying to collect his thoughts, Jason Merkel (11) stands with his hands on the tennis racket preparing for his next shot with anticipation. **Eyes up and to the opposing player,** Bryce Ozelie (10) is ready to start his next move to hopefully score to give himself a boost in the game. **Focusing on the game,** Connor Raab (10) ponders if he made the right move or if he has come to a close on the game.



Ready for the pass, Michael Perry (11) smiles at the young soccer player as they pass the ball back and forth. Passing the ball helps the smaller soccer player have a good time during the soccer game. **After a good game**, Aerik Tanis (10) smiles happily, glad that he is able to support the team by playing goalie. A home field game helped him be far more confident this game.

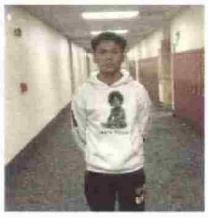
Whats Next?

"I have always been playing soccer, I have been playing it since I was younger. It was something I always played with with my brothers and dad, so it was something I was pastured for. I want to try and make it as a starter for varsity."
Mahdi Alzoubi (11)

Some new members of Soccer

Freshman can become great when they start new

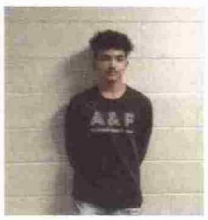
"I have liked it since I was five, so I stuck with it. I just like playing, I do not know why I do. I am really good at it, I got fast, improved my shooting and passing."
Lorenzo Becerra (9)



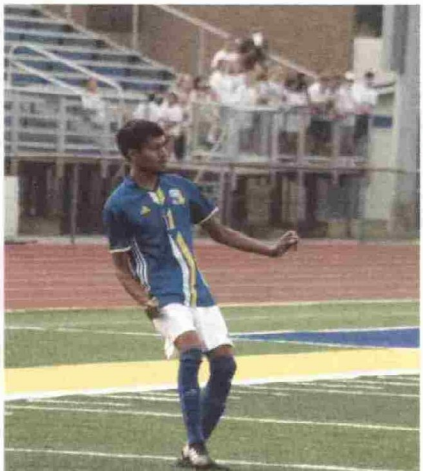
"I have been playing sports since I was five and I just stuck with it. Soccer is just a fun, fast pace where I can do what I want, I have definitely improved my skills over the years, especially on defense."
Austin Gambino (9)

"I just played soccer because I guess most of my family has played...I just liked everything like bonding with the team, practicing, and getting to know more people."
Ryan Fraga (9)

"My uncle used to play soccer when he was little and my cousin, who is a junior now, he used to play soccer in middle school so, it was a pretty cool idea to start playing soccer, so I started playing soccer and I got good at it."
Marcos Aguilera (9)



Sprinting past the opposing player, Jackson Raycroft (12) runs towards the other goal in hopes that his teammates are in position, so that he can pass the ball to them to make a goal. **After kicking the ball**, Allan Velazquez (12), recoils back into position after successfully passing the ball to his teammate to go onto the next phase. **Trying to get the ball**, Joseph Sanders (11), pushes the opposing player and makes his way around him, so that he can have control of the ball and prevent a potential goal.



"It is just I am Mexican and Puerto Rican, so it was like my grandfather said I had to try out... It come to me pretty decently I mean, it is easy, but it is not easy at the same [time]."

Jonathon Baron (10)

Last play of high school year?

"It was really sad knowing it is the last year on the team, because I knew that there was still things I wanted to prove and do. I had to make sure that I just went all out and put my hard work on the field"

Jabarri Lones (12)

"Making bonds that are unforgettable and playing with my friends for three years in high school was very enjoyable. I think I left the impression of working hard if you need to."

Colin Barsich (12)

"I have a love for the sport. My grandfather was a professional player and I look up to him. I would have wanted to play all of high school year instead of just my senior year."

Adam Hernandez (12)

Attempting to keep the ball in the lines. Joshua Rudloff (12) uses his quick skills to push back the ball, so it did not go out of bound and continue the current play.

Looking towards the ball. Benjamin Strode (12) attempts to make quick movements towards the ball as an opposing team player also has their eyes locked on the ball. Hoping that he is quick enough to make it to the ball before the other player can, as it is closest to him.

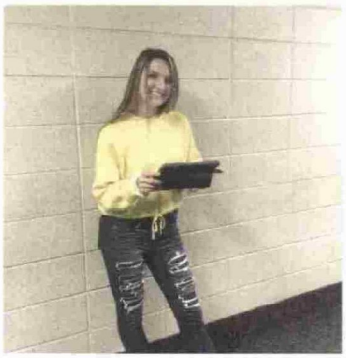
Caught by surprise, Nathaniel Safin (11) is cut off by an opposing team player and is unable to retrieve the ball and in addition is unable to stop his momentum. Luckily he is able to keep is guard up but was unable to get the ball back for the team.

Just before the ball is passed in, Dane Richardson (11) stands in a ready position. He stands with a ready to go sense about him, ready for whatever this game is going to throw at him.

Inspiration In Action

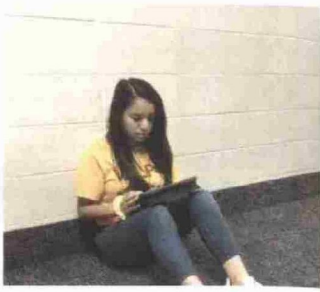
Lauren Wilson (11) finds inspiration from friends, family, coaches, and teammates that have helped her strive to improve and become the best she can be.

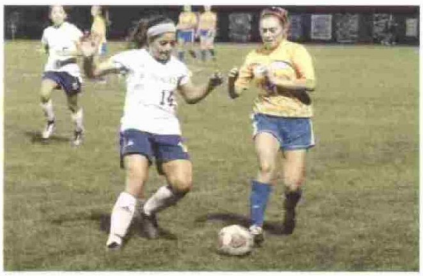
Inspiration can play an important part in any game. Inspiration brings drive and motivation, pushing athletes to improve and work hard. For some, inspiration may come from coaches and teammates, for others it comes from friends and family. For Wilson, it is both, "My friends inspire me to play soccer and so do my parents because they played sports in high school. My teammates and coach serve as inspiration because they push me to become better."



Soccer in the Future

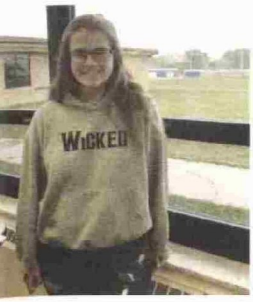
"I just want to keep staying fit and I really love soccer. I think I would miss it if I dropped it in college. I have gained a lot more confidence and became more competitive. I really think I can apply that to things like my college applications."
Emelia Lopez (12)





Total concentration takes over as Alina Wilson (11) works hard to skillfully maneuver the ball away from her opponent.
Fixated on her strides, Anna Crowel (10), makes a quick attempt to sprint away with the ball within her possession.
Eyes forward, Jelah Jernigan (11) quickly dribbles the ball down the field in hopes of scoring a goal for her team.

Varsity Captains



"I am hoping to continue playing soccer in college. It took a lot to recover and I feel that if I quit now, I wasted effort. Soccer has helped me learn leadership skills along with discipline and hard work."
Brianna Dewey (12)

"When I found out I was a captain, I was really excited and glad to be able to lead. I wanted to stay positive and help lead the team in the best way possible."
Maegan Shaw (11)

"I was really happy because it was something I had worked hard for the past 4 years. I hoped to beat Munster and in our new sectional.
Brooke Durkin (12)

Focusing on the ball, Hailey Childress (12) attempts to maneuver the ball away from her opponent. With steady concentration, she steps in front to further her attempt to grant her team possession once more. Right in step with the teams offense, Kendal Carrubba (10) fights hard to steal the ball back from Munster, her teammates quick to follow behind her, ready as back support. With her eyes glued to the ground, Hailey Rudloff (11) rushes forward, ready to drive the ball down the field in hopes of successfully scoring another goal against Munster.

Moving Up

Soccer is a bit different at every level, but making the transition between middle school and high school can be a sizable change.

Kaitlyn Hacker (9), Ella Klapkowski (9), and Abby Helm (9) all played soccer in middle school and have experienced the differences between the middle and high school within the sport. "High school soccer is a lot more competitive and fast paced," Helm says.

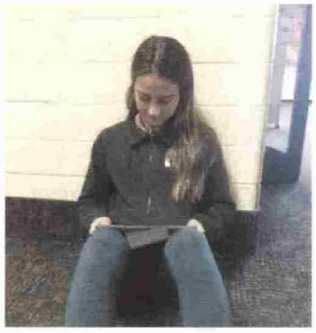
With the transition into the world of high school sports means the development of new skills and improvements to an individual game. Klapkowski states, "High school soccer made me more aggressive in games."

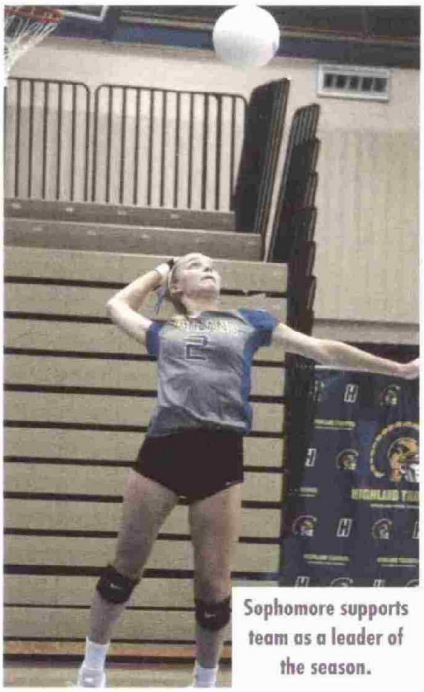
High school sports offer a broader range of kids participating with all grades on the team, but this can be beneficial with younger players having someone to look up to and strive to become like. Hacker adds, "I feel like the relationships of the team are a lot stronger than middle school and everything that comes with it. There are pasta parties and we can see each other basically everyday"

Pre-game Rituals

"Our pre-game rituals affect our game because it all helps us have teamwork, play together,and helps us connect with friends. Before our game, we all sit in a circle and if we finish talking about the game we play this game where we all put our heads up, and then if you look at the same person than you are out."
Kendal Carrubba (10)

"We would all go into the circle, and then Amanda Cruse would say it is game day. Pre-game rituals make us stronger and made us believe we can win."
Brianna Stuebe (11)



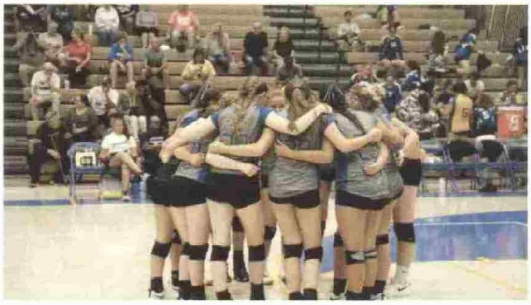


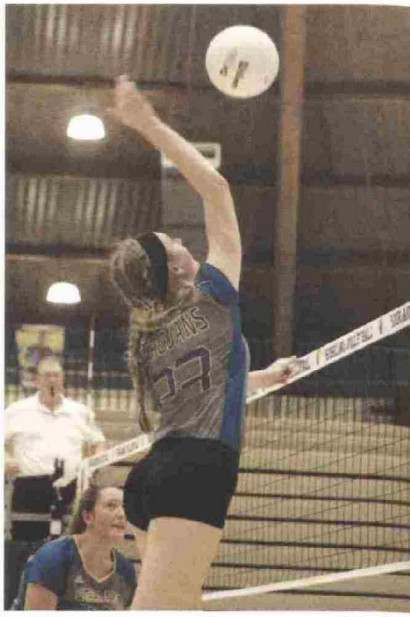
Sophomore supports team as a leader of the season.

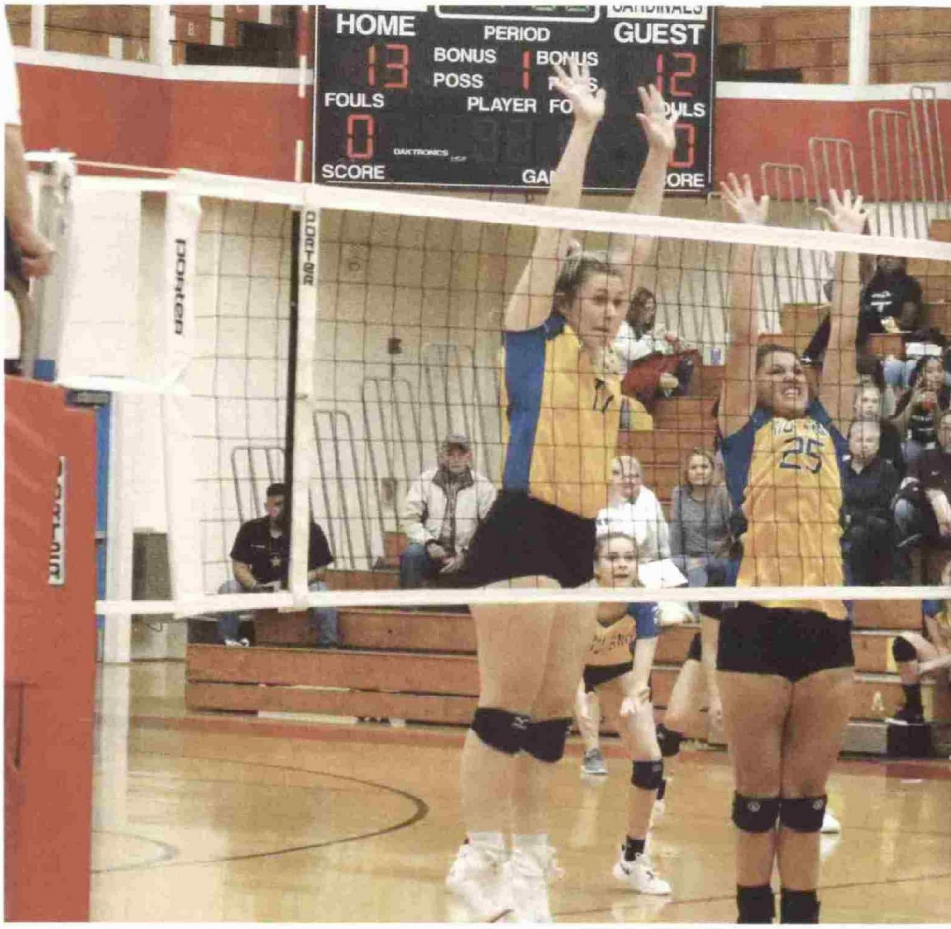
YOUNG & BOLD

Ready for the ball, Carly Raab (10) jumps into the air to hit the ball past the net and onto the other side. Raab was not just somebody on the team; she was a leader respected by all. So, being a sophomore and such a drastically important part of the team meant having qualities of one. "I feel like you always have to have a good mental attitude and making sure you are working around with your teammates." She worked to help her teammates get through tough times and even tougher matches, but with a positive mental attitude, she was able to move past all of those hardships and continue moving forward. Raab states, "I feel like I was very vocal this year. Last year as a freshman, I wasn't really as vocal as I would have hoped but, this year I was a lot more vocal and played more in a leader role to help the team succeed." Many Highland students are exposed to leadership roles from their time as an underclassmen and onward, so; many students have chance upon chance and opportunity upon opportunity to improve the roles that they are given. Raab concludes, "For sure I know I have a lot ahead of me, but as for where I am; I am very grateful for it."

Grouping together, the volleyball team maps out their next move so that they can use all better use the plans they learned during practice. **Jumping towards the ball,** Taylor VanDommelen (12) lifts her arm to perform a powerful spike against her opponents. **Crouching with a leg outstretched,** Amanda Hoffman (12) reaches out as far as she can to retrieve the ball



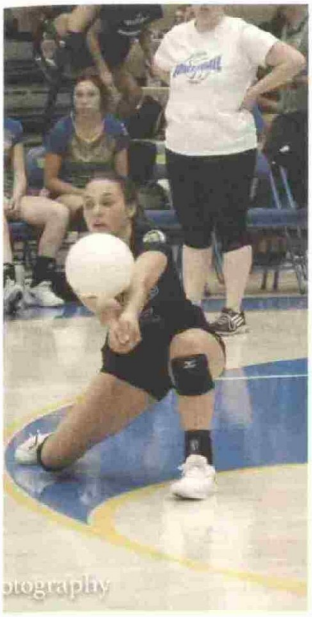




STARTING FRESH
ENDING SENIOR STRONG

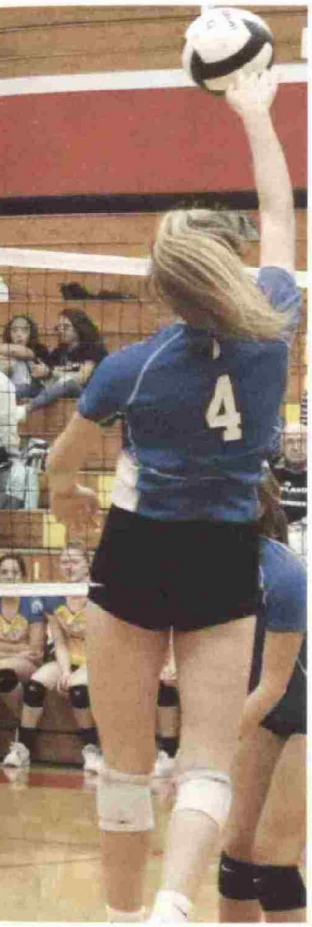
"I think my teammates really made me strive to do better. I was picked to be a team captain. I was voted on by my teammates and my coaches so I think that kind of really motivated me to always stay positive on and off the court."
Amanda Hoffman (12)

"A lot of my friends played volleyball and they told me how fun it was and, it was challenging because it was something I have never done before. I just have a very competitive spirit so I always push myself to be better."
Alicia Wright (12)



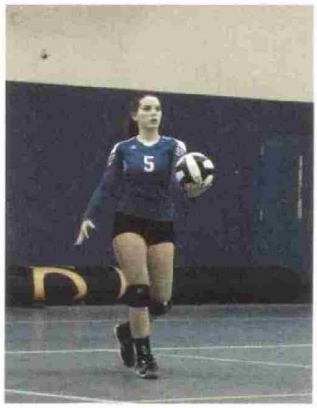
Hitting Hard

Preparing for a hit, Riane Holder (12) leaps with her hands interlocked, ready to bump the ball to the other side and successfully prevent the other team from scoring. **Falling towards the ball,** Grace Bedka (10) reaches out towards the descending ball, hand ready in a fist to try and save the ball for her team.



Trying to get risky shots

Getting a little too close, Emily Golumbeck (9) and Payton Vandommelen (9) rush towards the ball in hopes that at least one of them will be able to bump the it over the net and score, even if it results in some sore wrists. **Leaping upwards,** Kailyn Butler (11) with arms stretched out toward the incoming ball, tries to recover it before it manages to get passed her, so she can pass it to a nearby teammate.



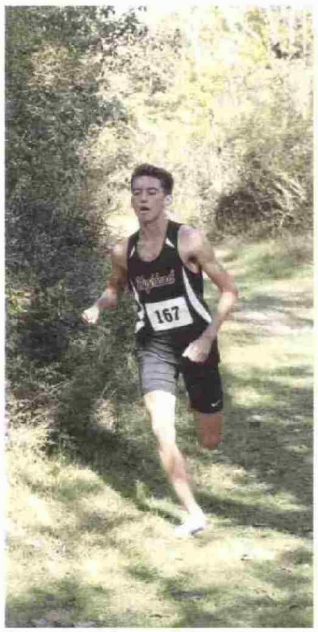
Ready to get going

Preparing to serve the ball, Naomi Childress (10) gets into position with the ball in hand and a ready spirit. She takes as much time as she can to get ready and serve the ball with enough force that it will go over the net and begin the match well. **Huddling as a team,** the C team jumps for joy because they worked well together to score, bringing them closer to a win. They continue to huddle up with and plan their next attack against the opposing team to score.

"I just grew up around [volleyball] so I started playing when I was young. It is my senior year and I decided it was the best time to work the hardest."
Taylor VanDommelen (12)

"I choose to play volleyball because all my friends did so I thought it would be a fun idea. The encouragement from [parents] and obviously my coach and teammates helped because we worked well together this year."
Danielle Opitz (12)

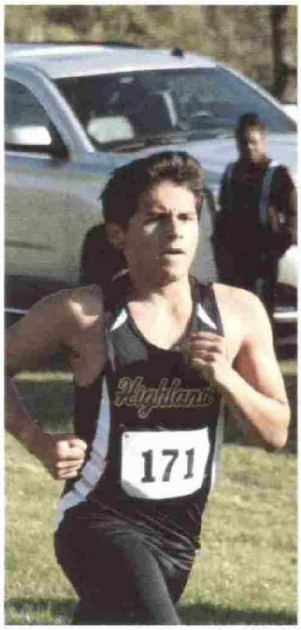
"I started playing when I was in 4th grade so I kind of got into it from that and after playing in middle school I just kinda made friendships with the girls on the team and decided to stick with it through high school."
Garran Grider (12)

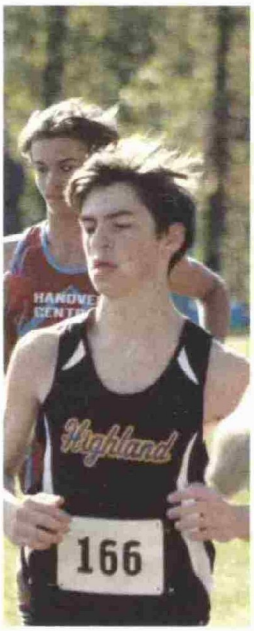


Running
with a purpose

This sport is more than just running. The work put in by the team is why they are able to accomplish their goals and more.

Keeping up in a sport of running requires more than just running. You need to be in shape and have a high stamina. The cross country team did just that by being able to stay ahead of everyone and keep up the pace. The terrain might have been difficult but the work they put it in was enough to keep them going. Lucas Guerra (11), a runner that made 11th at this years state competition, states "There is only so much you can do to improve." The weather, landscape, and health are some of the hurdles that the cross country team adapt to for every run.



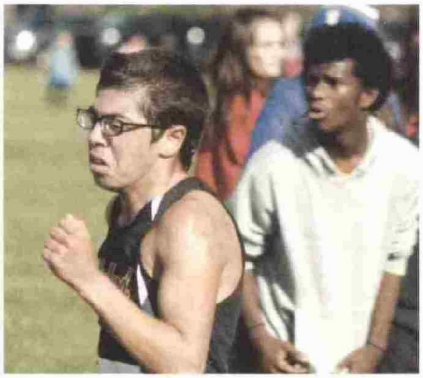


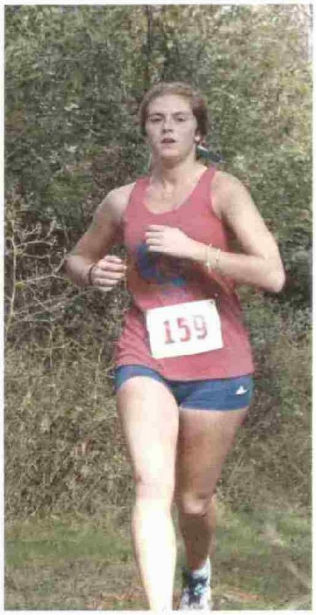
Catching up to the person in front of him, Mateo Garcia (12) is hot on the competitors heels not far behind to be able to pass and get closer to the lead. **With a determined look**, Lucas Guerra (11) starts his run with a good start and begins to take long strides to increase his chances of getting ahead.

RUNNING LIFE

There comes a time when runners realize that running is no longer a passion, it's life.

With a fierce look Mateo Garcia (12) runs past a crowd as he nears the finish of the Regional Meet held at Lemon Lake in Cedar Lake, Indiana. After returning from a summer of boot camp, Garcia battled to help the Trojans advance to the semi-state meet. **Lined up against** the clock, Lindsay Modjeski (11) races through the wooded area of the regional course. Modjeski was the final runner on the varsity team that advanced to semi-state for the first time since 2010.

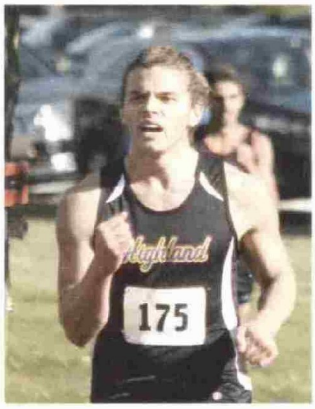


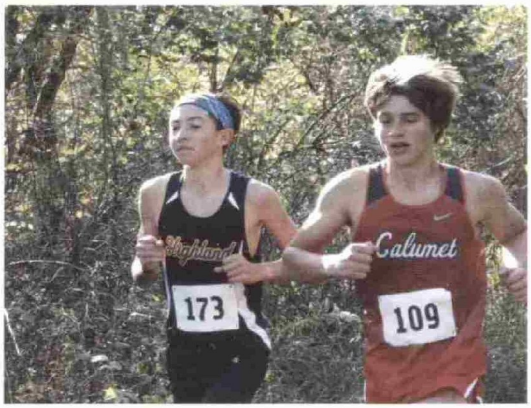


Cross country is a difficult sport filled with uncertainty of what is to come and what tracks you'll be running on next. The biggest part is knowing how to overcome those obstacles and being able to maintain a good lead in the race.

Running on natural terrains can be difficult . If it is dirt or grass, you can never know what lies beneath the terrarium. But, being able to run in an opened air space just makes the sport more enjoyable.

With focused eyes, Alexander Salazar II (12) watches the path ahead of him, so that he can plan out how he is going to make it to the end of the race. **In support of the cross country team,** a group of spectators view the match and cheer on the competitors.





After a long run, Grace Aurand (12) begins to get tired, but doesn't let her weariness stop the run.
With a determined look, Alexander Salazar II (12) runs to the best of his capability to show off how his improvements.
Intently watching, Mira Handley (10) paces herself, so that when she reaches the end, she can use the energy stored up to pass the finish line.
Focused at the task, Collin Gomez (11) begins to concentrate on where he is going, so that he can catch up to everybody.
Caught in the spirit of the race, Amber Sobkowicz (10) takes long strides to cover more ground while maintaining a steady pace.

Getting to the end

Running with a passion

Locating the point of the finish line, Josiah Wildman (11) races through the grass trying to get to claim the third position for the Trojans.

In stride with his opponent Zachary Shrivillini (9) makes his way down the wooded path during the Regional meet held at Lemon Lake in Cedar Lake, Indiana trying to maintain a pace with the opponent from Calumet New Tech High School.

Senior Night

"It was very exciting and it is just weird to see how four years fly by so fast and now you are the senior participating. I am extremely proud of the team and myself. We had a lot of younger guys step up and play a big part in the team this year, and overall I think I did a great job. I plan to be playing at St. Xavier University "

Samuel Perez Jr (12)

"Whenever you get knocked down you always have to get back up and fight back, use hard work, and dedication. "

Jaderrius Gilmore (12)

"I am proud of the work we put in the team. I wish it could have ended differently, but it is what it is. I think I have gotten better at my footwork, Coach T has really helped me with that. I have tried to become a better leader. Hard work, probably is a big thing, but also leadership and working hard. "

Warren Kovacek (12)

"I have made better relationships with the seniors on the team and so many more connections and honestly, I love those guys. I improved my technique, leadership ability, and just being a whole lot better person in general. I am planning on doing track in college." "

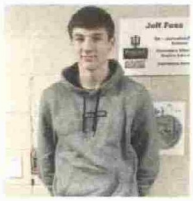
Quinten McToy (12)

Quarterback Rotations

"You have a lot of weight on your shoulders, because you are leading the team down the field, so when you make a mistake everyone makes a mistake."

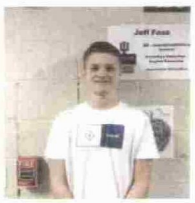
Adam Ahmad (12)

"When you have a role in your team, you have to take a lot of leadership and coach other players if they do not know what they are doing. You have to teach them."
Riley Bertalan (12)



"It was great, I feel like I contributed a lot to the team and helped improve us a lot. I had hope for other teammates as well, but I did a pretty good job."
Ethan Litavecz (11)

"It is a very important role because as a quarterback I have to know everyone, all my plays and all the roles."
Nicholas Steele (10)



"It felt good, I am just looking to improve more and just get better. It was a good experience for the first year being a freshman."
Maximus Smith (9)

Surrounded by the other team Christian Rios (11) runs down the field with swift movements to get to the other side of the fields before the other team can take him down, moving fast to score for his team. **Focusing on the play** Samuel Perez Jr (12) stares down the other team to intimidate them into putting their guard done, so he can get his opportunity to slip though to score. **After following through** Brandon Hubbird (12) sneaks behind the opposing team player as they are distracted to make his move.

POST SEASON

This season was a good season for the football team as they pushed themselves to their fullest potential. The team struggled, but made it through the season knowing they did their best.

"The way we played, we did not play as good as we could have. We could have done better, but we still ended up winning."
Ivan Vargas (10)

As the play begins, Dylan Hanson (10) and Warren Kovacek (12) advance forward, determined to successfully run the plan in hopes of a touchdown

Battling his opponent for the upper hand, Samuel Perez Jr (12) holds off multiple fierce competitors from the other team in hopes of his teammates accomplishing the play and scoring

"We won a game that everyone thought we were going to lose. Later in the season, we lost to Hobart, but I think it went pretty well. If we had less penalties, maybe we could have won."
Jack Nelson (9)

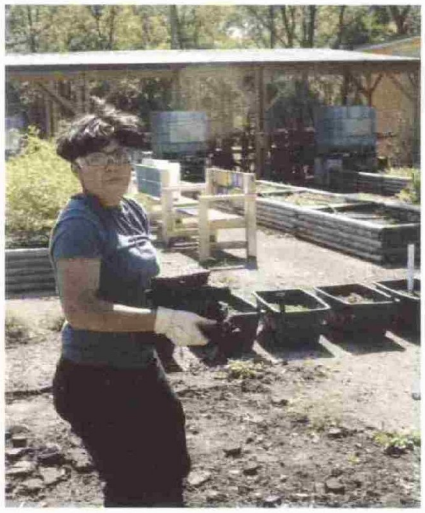
Friday Night Lights In Action

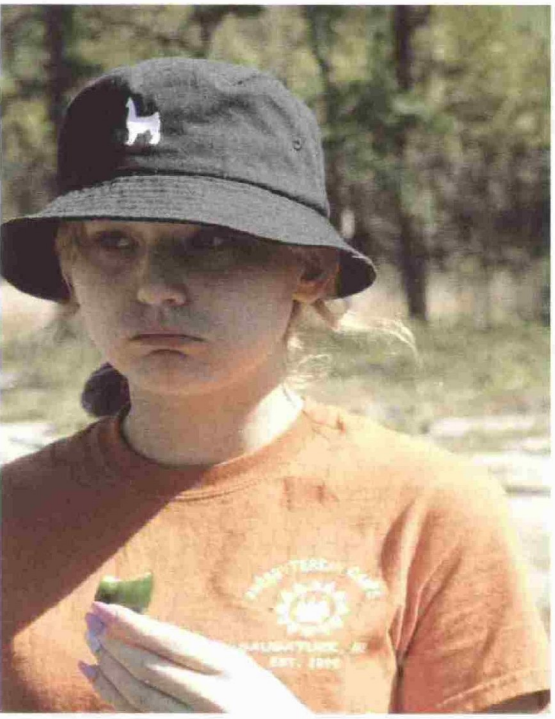
"We all knew we could win the first game, we were all pretty sure we could. We would have liked to win the second game just to see how far we could have made it, but we tried our best and did not win."
Zachary Piech (10)

STARTING HIGH SCHOOL

The beginning of a sport during your high school career can be hard or a bit nerve wracking, but the effort put in is worth the reward you get out. Cailey Belloso (9) says, "It went pretty well. I could always do better though. I definitely improved my strength, speed, and hitting harder. I was definitely more fearless at the end of the season than I was in the beginning." Learning more about your sport can also start you and your team on a great track. "I will continue exercising more to prepare for next season. I will for sure study more plays and overall just learn more about football," said Phoenix Wells (9).

Trying to collect herself after a close call with the water, Liliana Moreno (12) grabs a hold of Megan Szymanski (12) hand in order to catch her balance. The pair laugh together before continuing on with the task. **Hastily working** to move her next set of plants to her area, Angelique Crespo (11) stops abruptly and makes a face at the sound of the camera shuttering. Much of the trip focused on bettering the environment, so students spent time planting and cleaning the water nearby. **With dinner time approaching** Hollie Fox (11) inconspicuously takes a bite of a small vegetable, looking carefully to see if anyone noticed.





Helping Out

Advanced Placement Biology and Environmental Science students alike all had the opportunity to take an overnight trip to the Northwest Indiana Dunes where they all got to help out the local environment in a fun and exciting way.

Environmental Science is one of the many Science classes Highland has to offer. The class itself focuses on how the environment is changed, developed, and harmed throughout time. The class looks into real world problems and studies the how and why it all happens.

Taught by Mrs. Nicole Weber, the class also takes an annual trip to the Northwest Indiana Dunes. This year, it was also open to AP Biology students.

The students that took this trip had lots of opportunities to view the diverse landscape, even going as far as taking a hike in the dark to see what they had not before during their day time hike.

All students that went on this trip were also tasked with helping out around dinner. Students were also given the chance to document the organisms in one of the nearby rivers.

It is trips like these that motivate students to do more for the environment they live in. It gets students thinking about what they can do better and healthier for not just themselves, but the living things around them.

The world we live in is not the cleanest, but after a trip like this, it can be seen that high school students now all have the power to do better for the world we live in.

Phillip Bock (12) even states, "Environmental science is important for many reasons.For one it teaches us about the world around us. I have become more more aware of how exactly I contribute to the environment and what I can do to lessen my impact on it"

With great focus, Breanna Burbridge (11) fixes the small fishing net with her friend Hannah Rebey (11) watching closely beside her. **Smiling big** on a nice sunny day, Bonnie Butler (12) helps out with the plants, enjoying every part of nature and helping out the environment.

A Little Nature

With an effort to reach some leaves to eat, a caterpillar inches its way up a wooden post that the students were working around for their current project. **Scooping up** a snake as the class hikes together, everyone pauses to marvel this little piece of the Dunes nature.

Searching for comfort from each other the student section wore shirts with a JTL logo on their chest close to their heart for the varsity football game held at Crown Point High School on August 30, 2019.

It Starts With a Reason

Hands in the air holding a sign set for the theme of the night, Margaret McQuillan (12) reminds the football team that the Trojans rule the beach during luau night.

SUPER FAN SECTION

Standing Together

Trojans unite to support the athletic programs and their athletes.

Students of all grades followed through with theme nights organized by the keepers of the Twitter account Hallie Ryzewski (12), Emma Hamilton (12) and Lillian Kosior (12).

From luaus and Tik Tok dances to nights in purple remembering their own, this group brought excitement to the stands and to the field supporting their own.

Paying special attention to supporting Special Olympics Indiana the students of Highland High School came out when the Student Athletic Leadership Committee requested their support in red.

Concert Band

There are two factors that need to be considered when it comes to listening to a performance. The time and commitment that the students put into learning their instruments, and the time they put into learning their music for upcoming concerts. It is not an easy task as these students put in countless hours perfecting their songs for their friends and families to hear. One of the most important concerts is the Christmas concert where Orchestra and Band combine together. The band director Brian Blocker put in much of his time making sure the band is ready for their performance and has been an inspiration, for many students, to continue doing great things. The director also put in time to commit to marching band, jazz band and pep band. The band works hard to put on a show that will excite the audience, with their ups and downs during their preparation.

Disney Highlights

With five days covering four parks, The Band shares their best moments

"I'd say my favorite moment was seeing the Star Wars part of Hollywood Studios, it's the newest part of the park and I've always been a Star Wars fan. It was aways one of my favorite movie series growing up"
Preston Walker (10)

"I personally thought the best moment from Disney was running Space Mountain three times in a row. The line was really short, and we were able to get off and get back on, and that never happens at Disney World.
Kailyn Butler (11)

"The day that we were at Magic Kingdom, just because it has the most things to do, and I also got to play in the parade, which was very fun."
Jonas Rigney (12)

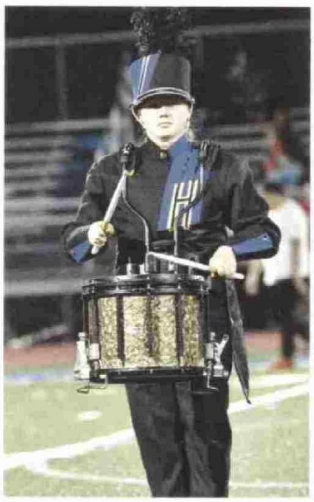
I really liked Epcot and all there was to see, all of the different places. I ate from Mexico both lunch and dinner, and I liked the Morocco part since there was a lot to look at.
Hayley Fishel (9)

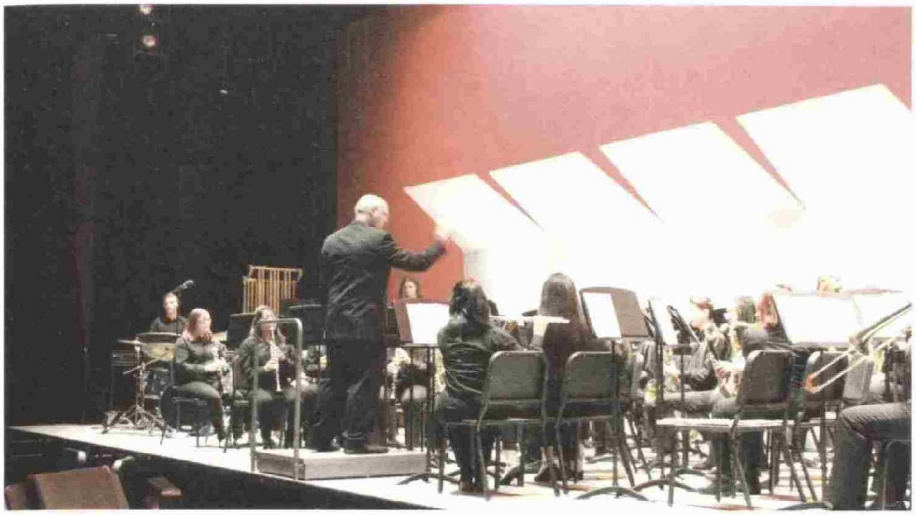
The trip to Disney is one of the most important trips for the marching band. Only being able to go every other year, the students will cherish this experience for a lifetime.

DISNEY TRIP

With eyes focused on the parade route, the marching band marches down the Disney road with total confidence in there performance. **At the end of the day,** a group of marching students smiled together to take a photo to remember there time at Disney. **Lined up** in front of the Disney castle, Jillian Parsley (12), Eleanor Davis (12), and Blaine Anderson(12) take a picture as they smile in excitement of what is to come on there Disney trip. **To add a little fun** to their adventure in Hollywood Studios, a group of marchers from every grade, including this years guard coach, pretend to use the Force on the cameraman.

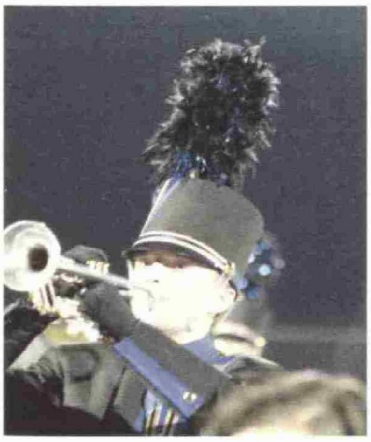
Watching in awe from the top of the bleachers, Highland Marching cheers for themselves and the other bands. **Right in step with her section,** Montana Handley (11) watches the Drum Major intently and keeps tempo for the band. **With eyes focused on** the band, Jillian Parsley (12) conducts the band in perfect tempo as they perform the show ballad **To drown the background noise** Preston Walker looks intensely at the conductor to keep in tempo in his feet and notes. **To get ready for** the first parade of the day, the color guard poses with one of their flags with their brightest of smiles.





Seniors Last Marching Season

Taking time out for a quick picture Jonas Rigney (12), Blaine Anderson(12), Eleanor Davis (12), Khyree Brooks(12), Jude Salanio (12), and Alyana Dela Cruz (12) stand in a line with their middle school band photo in hand as they say farewell to their last season as high school marching band students, enjoying their last few moments in this group. Their marching season was filled with many joys and hardships, but like many things it has come to an end. Through the hots summers and countless hours of practice, these seniors have put their mark on the marching band.



Starting a New Solo for ISSMA

"I'm listening to different versions and slowing it down, I get to know what it sounds like and you can take different interpretations of it."

Phillip Bock (12)

"I feel like I personally just need to work on my fingers on my instrument. I just need to get used to play faster while at the same synchronizing it with tonguing."

Johanna Gonzalez (10)

"I would like to get a gold medal and get to state solo and ensemble. I have a harder solo than I did last year, so I have to put a lot more effort into practicing every day."

Eleanor Davis (12)

"Make sure I can fully play my solo. My range on my instrument is not that great, so this piece is challenging for me in that regard."

Matthew Wade (12)

Family First

While many theater students already consider the crew to be family, to present a family based play this is was only emphasized even further.

Through the art of acting and the performance on stage it takes more than a couple of days to put together an amazing show. During that time you get to become acquainted with others and changing perspectives of others you may have never talked to. Just like sports, clubs, and other group activities you form a sense of family and comfort. You meet people that you would have never talked to if you did not have to. Lots of these friends will be life long or just through high school. So cherishing this time is what they all do. But when the opportunity arrives to perform a play based on family you can really act out the scenes and feel like your really a family the passion of acting and the comfort of family. You can see genuine care in each and every one of these students. *a. roldan*

Through the intense volume of the crowd coming within the pit, orchestra students Maegan Shaw (11) and Kyla Baker (11) laugh and smile together as they begin to warm up for the nights performance. The pit orchestra spends as much time practicing this music as the actors on stage, playing just as an important a role as the lead.

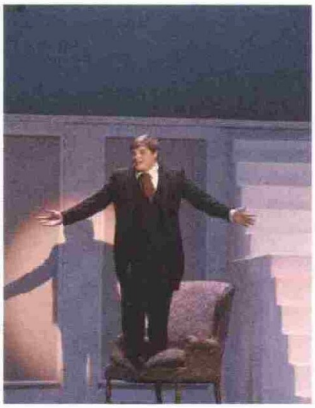
Singing with a smile Elijah Montanez (12) and Julia Hart (11) together enjoy a small happy song together. The piano playing a beautiful accompanying piece to the vocals. This scene was a very peaceful moment, as the March girls had always viewed Mr. Laurence to be a mean spirited person. **Frustrated with other characters,** Erin Perry, who played Jo March, sings a song of frustration. The lights dimmed and blue as to represent the emotions the character is conveying to the audience.

SCENES OF FRUSTRATIONS

Performing moments of anger

With an effort to persuade the oldest of the Mach siblings to act far more graceful and feminine, Olivia Smith (12) purses her lips and describes to the other how she should act. Smith portrays Aunt March in Little Woman, who plays an important role in the other actors lifestyles.

Faces shrouded in a familial bliss, Hannah Rebey (11), Kaitlyn Tiemens (11), Julia Hart (11), and Erin Perry (12) all hug Kayleigh Ferguson (12) during a touching family moment in an early scene of the play. Each character in this play portrays a deep love for their other family member. **With arms outstretched,** Alexander Schmidt (9) smiles nervously towards the other actors on stage. He jumps on a chair as to truly get his dramatic excitement for the current scene further across.

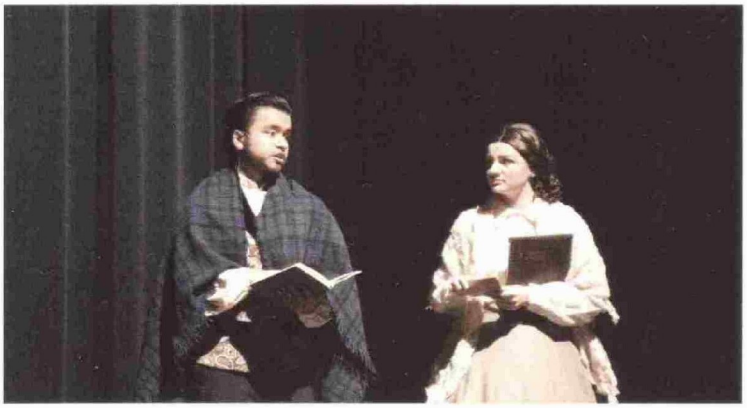


Performing

the art of theater

As he kneels down, Edward Jania (11) swoops up the blissful moment he shares with Hannah Rebey (11) and proposes to her. Jania and Rebey together played a very happy couple and shared a beautiful dynamic.

With eyes focused on the writing journal that was left unattended, Kaitlyn Tiemens (11) lets the characters anger radiate through the setting. Tiemens played Amy March, who did not always get along with her older sister, Jo. This resulted in a small number of arguments throughout the play.

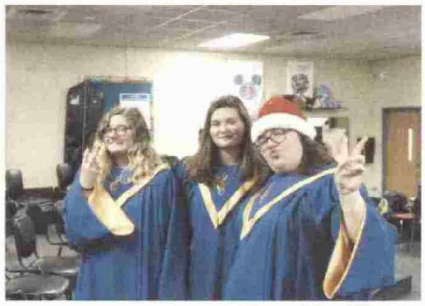


Each portraying their own style of their character, both Christopher Amador (12) and Erin Perry (12) have a deep conversation in regards to Jo's writing skills. "It's good, but you need to do better," just are not the words that Jo wanted to hear from Professor Bhaer. Perry's character was flabbergasted by the guidance she received from Amador as Jo truly felt her work was "already better."

Orchestra & Choir

Choir Begins

All the students have worked hard to be where they are now with auditions into Varsity and the many opportunities given to them.



Surrounded by friends, Emily Loudermilk (9),Rebecca Loudermilk (11), and Katelin Sears (11) get dressed and ready for their upcoming performance. They use this time to get comfortable, and to push away all of their nagging nerves. So when they perform they can at their finest.

Acting as if they were in the movie Titanic, Edward Jania (11) and Alexander Schmidt (9) pose with each other as they enjoy themselves before they took the stage.

Ready on stage, the choir gets ready to start their grand performance while the audience anticipates the long wait to hear them sing.

Performing in any sort of art takes a lot of skill and students spend countless hours trying to perfect their skills.

Student's abilities to perform grow as their high school years go by. With their experience, the orchestra and choir are able to entertain the audience with the skills they have acquired.

During high school all of these students are required to go to ISSMA where they will be performing solos or ensembles and be judged.

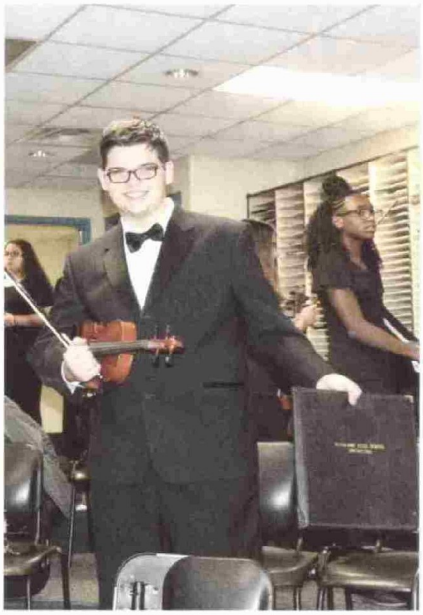
They have the chance to show what they are capable of and have the ability to earn different medals depending on their performance.

In addition to performing at ISSMA they also have the opportunity to perform at Disney as a group in a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Orchestra as ONE.

Orchestra is filled with students who started in 6th grade and have made it throughout many years to be able to perform difficult music.

Ready to begin, the orchestra waits for the conductors baton to begin moving to signify the start of their first piece. They wait patiently to begin so they can all be in beat with one another. **Holding his violin,** Ryan Foote (10) smiles because he feels that he is ready to go on stage with the rest of the orchestra and perform **With her coat still on,** Brianna Lopez (10) has just arrived to the choir room so that she can prepare her belonging for the performance that will occur that night. **Getting up on stage,** the orchestra students get to their seats, with butterflies in their stomachs, for their performance as the audience waits patiently for them to play.



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WINTER

In anticipation of an eventful winter season, the student body found a new theme to use when cheering on the boys basketball program. The student section hosted an ESPN jersey night and provided color commentary during a varsity game as the Trojans fell to the Wildcats of Hammond High on December 10, 2019. During the winter sports season the student section set the bar high in a goal to showcase a new variety of themes as they supported Highland athletes in their events.

A Girls GAME

In an effort to draw the defense, Mackenzie Horvat (9) came to a jump stop within the paint and looked to the short corner for a teammate to pass the ball to after a shot fake. **While throwing the** ball back in bounds before stepping out, Selena Perez (10) made eye contact with a teammate and passed the ball over the defenders heads.

With an effort to balance two sports in one season for a second year in a row, Chloe Churilla (10) pulled up for a short jump shot within the paint before the defense could step in her way. **Looking ahead,** Andrea Felix (11) attempted to **With a look of determination,** Olivia Gibson (12) prepared to shoot a free throw as she enters shooting form.

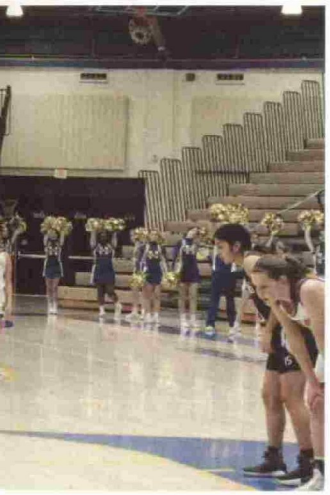
Varsity Jitters

"I expected to have to earn my spot like I have, I am still working my way up into more playing time. My teammates have made sure to include me and to motivate me to work harder."

Andrea Felix (11)

"My first varsity game went pretty good. As good as I expected it to go. I was really nervous, but I got used to it, so I just kept going. I am still getting nervous in the beginning, so I kind of dropped the ball a couple times, but I think I should just practice on ball handling and making sure I am squaring up."

Zelyah Barajas (10)



"I have always gone in feeling strong, [and] as the years go by, I started getting more confident in myself. I have seen the other girls and playing against them, it showed me how to be stronger and more confident in myself."
Olivia Gibson (12)

"My perspective on basketball has changed a lot. I used to always think winning was the true meaning of it, but just coming together as a team and playing the game, loving the game, and just being with your basketball family has been really good."
Amanda Cruse (12)

Sticking with the
Game Plan

Trying to avoid getting the ball stolen, Sanai Ballard (9) attempts to make a quick move around the Mustang defense along the sideline looking to attack the middle of the court. **Listening to** the game plan, Makayla Pawlak (12), Sarah Swallow (9) and Cailey Bellosa (9), watch closely as Coach Brianna Williams explained the game plan for the upcoming possessions.

"It is actually surprising to me that I made varsity and its been, not a hard time, but challenging in a way to come back from a hard injury. I did intend to come back to basketball. I really like playing the sport and I really like the people I have played with over the years. Basketball has just been a real positive influence in my life."
Makayla Pawlak (12)

"I thought my first varsity game went pretty well. It felt like it was natural. I always wanted to play basketball in high school and the other sports I play, so it kind of was a big deal for me to come back.'
Lauren Wilson (10)

"It was a little unexpected because I was injured and I did not get many varsity minutes last year, but it is also good, because now I am getting experience and I am in a better spot for [my] next two seasons."
Audrey Vanderhoek (10)

Varsity Time Starts This Season

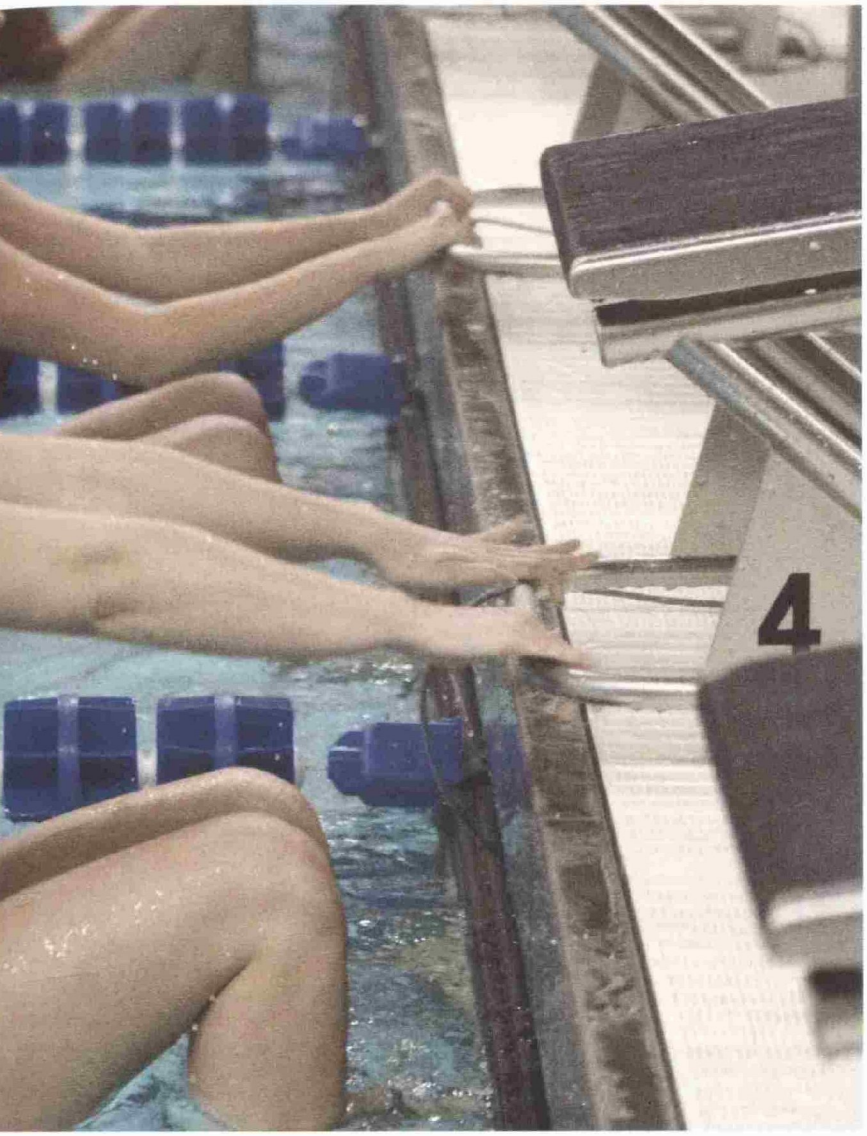
High school athletes work hard to try and achieve the highest team possible within a high school career, varsity. The desire to quickly accomplish this feat is one many student athletes strive to do as early as possible. It may take longer for some to achieve, but for Briana Flores (9), making varsity as a freshman was not just an ambition, but a reality. "It is a great accomplishment that I have been thinking about for a long time," Flores said. Beginning as a varsity player still means there is much to learn about the game and from other players. Flores said, "If I make mistakes my teammates help me when I am nervous or when I have a bad game."

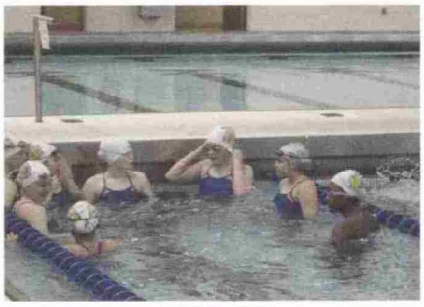
All it Takes is ALL YOU GOT

In sports, it is common to have a player get injured. Nolen Krull (9), got injured before the swim season even started. "I did not actually get to compete in any events, I was on crutches." Before his injury he was able to participate in some practices, and after he observed from the sidelines and was able to observe the atmosphere of them. "Pretty calm and exciting most of the time, but sometimes a lot of people are mad for no reason at each other and then it sometimes gets hostile," Krull stated.

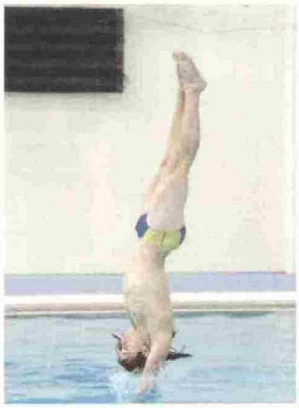
Another injury hitting the pool was to Mya Bailey (10). Bailey, a favorite to find success this season was only able to compete a handful of times due to a injury that occurred while she was doing a flip turn. To even those on the sidelines due to injury swimming takes everything you have each and every day to do this thing called swimming.

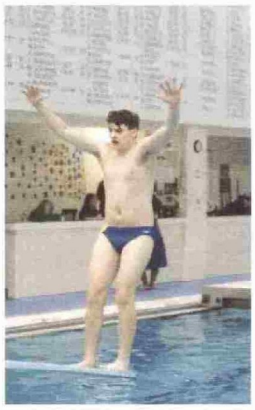
With a look of concentration Benjamin Ayon (11) swam his way to the finish line. **Trying to stay in rhythm,** Leavoni Portes (9) paced his freestyle stroke through his race. **Intently watching** his own lane Iain Krull (11) rushed to the end. **Total concentration** Gene Shamel (12) moved his arm in sync in order to get down his lane.

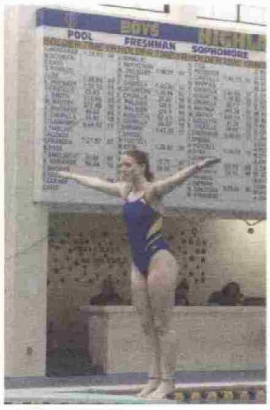




Waiting eagerly for the siren, Emily Marvel (12) prepared to launch herself into the water for her event. **Staying in perfect form** during his butterfly stroke, Zachary Piech (10) took a quick gasp of air without losing momentum. **With refreshing looks** from their practice swim, the girls swim team relaxed in between their practice laps before their early morning swim meet. **Rushing to the deck** to shout encouragements to their teammates, the boys and girls swimmers motivated their fellow teammate to try and achieve a better time.



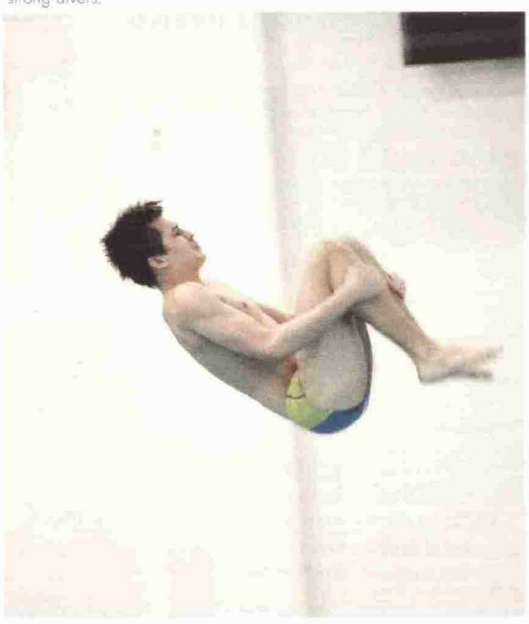




With total concentration, Josiah Wildman (11) focused as he dove straight into the water head first. **With arms raised,** Jason Merkel (11) prepared to jump off the diving board and complete his dive. **In search of** her balance Hollie Fox (11) stretches her arms out wide, preparing to make her dive.

Making A Splash
into the world of diving

Falling into the pool, Logan Opilka (10) held his own during his first season of diving. Opilka joined several other first time divers and found a place for him to find success. After landing a spot at the Regional competition by a small margin, Opilka placed 16th amongst a host of strong divers.



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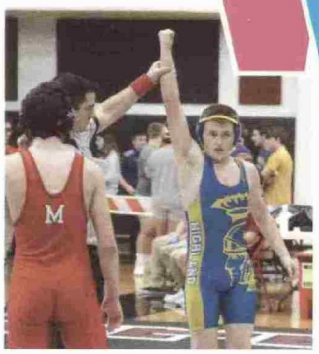
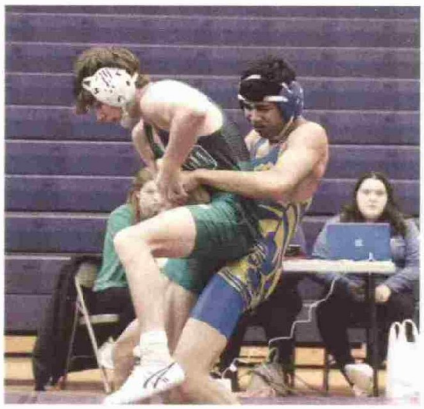
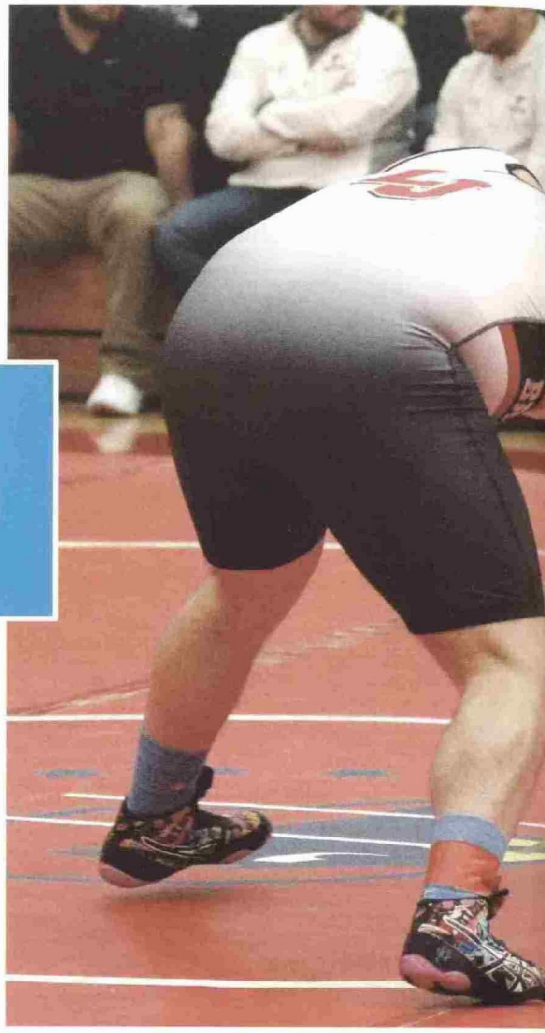


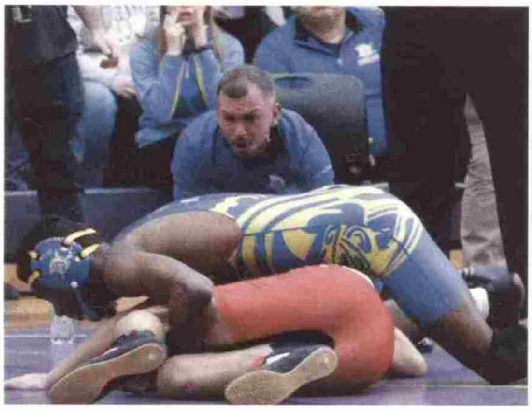


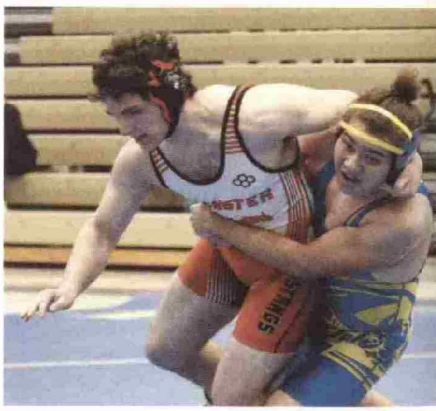
Getting Physical

Fist raised in the air, Jack Nelson (9) has just won the tough match against his competitor. **Holding onto** his opponent's waist, Joseph Magallanes (9) holds firmly, so that he can have the upper hand in the match and assure victory.



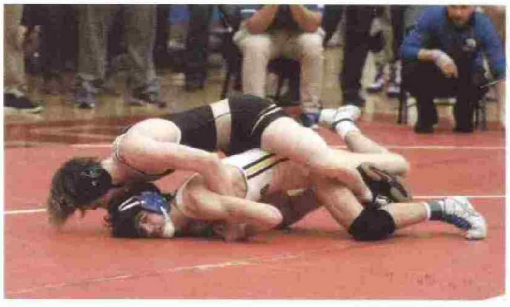
Starting the match, Samuel Perez Jr (12) charges at his opponent as they try to slip under him and block his attack during his semi-state match that allowed him to advance to state competition. **Holding them down,** Julian Gray (11) uses his weight to keep his opponent from moving away to assure victory. **Bringing the opponent down** Vincent Cruz (10) held the opponent by the waist to try and get the match on the mat where they can get the upper hand. **Falling on the mat,** Cody LeNeave (12) has a firm grip on their opponent and brings them down to the mat to add some more challenges to the match.

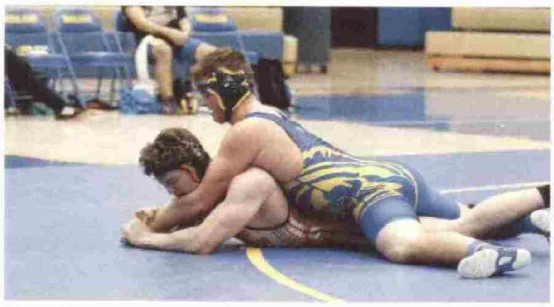




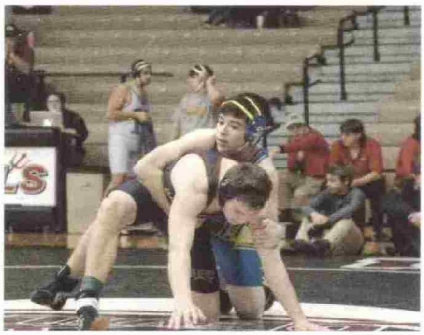
Getting down

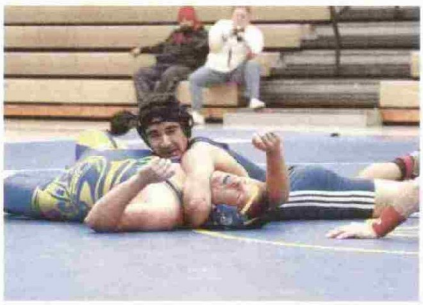
Wrestling is a difficult sport to participate in because of all the physical exercise needed to hold an opponent and put them down.



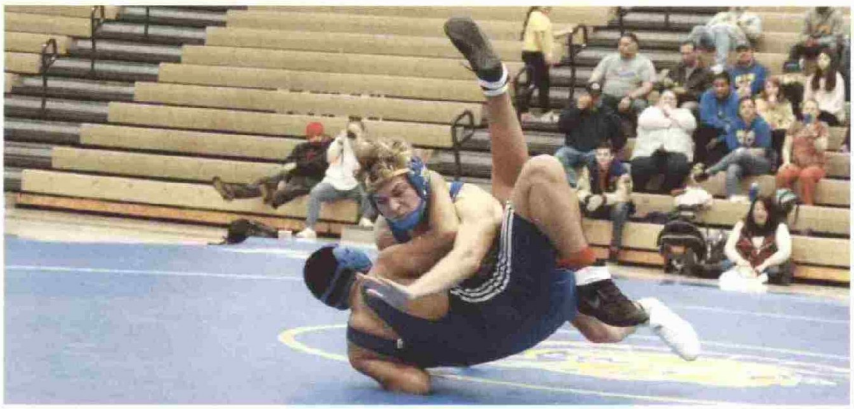


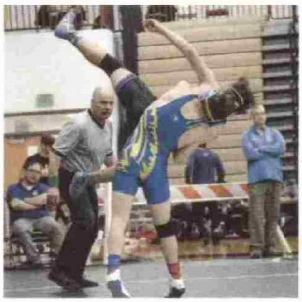
IT'S MAT TIME





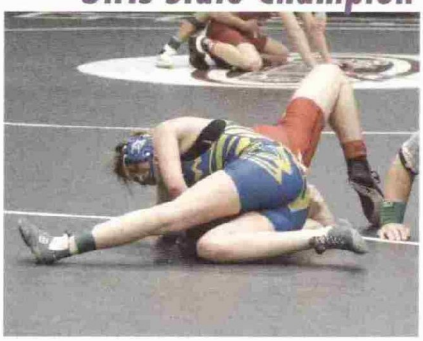
In a struggle to keep his opponent down, Antonio Lagunas (10) does his best to make sure his opponent has no way of moving out of his grasp. **Attempting to immobilize his opponent,** Daniel Wilson (12) gets on top of his opponent in an attempt to find a way to get his opponent back on the ground. **In a sticky situation,** Andrew Barsich (10) is caught by the head as the opponent has him in a firm headlock and he tries to get out of his grasp.





On the ground, Adam Ahmad (12) is pinned by his opponent with no way to escape in sight, but holding onto his hope of making his way one more round to the state competition. **In a tight hold,** Justin Bogner (12) is on top of his opponent and hold him tightly so that he can control over him so that he can win his match before his season came to an early and unexpected end due to injury. **Trying to get up,** Kevin Martinez (9) attempts to get out of the grasp of his opponent so that he can make a move without getting pinned down. **Preparing his move,** Jesse Herrera (11) held his opponent in an attempt to put him on the ground, and tosses him so that he loses balance.

Girls State Champion



Grabbing the opponents head, Leah Bishop (11) has her opponent in a tight hold just as she had her goals for her season. After a runner up season as a sophomore, Bishop had her eyes set on a win and found pure success when she had 3 pins to earn her a state champion title.

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Keeping the ball close to himself, Nicholas Steele (10) looked out at his offense waiting for an opening for the Trojans to score a basket.

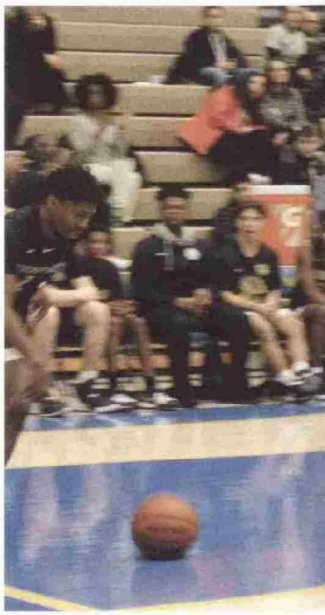
Getting through the season

Getting through to win

Taking it slow, Kyle Dempsey (11) dribbles the ball slowly so he can make the important and decision of passing it to his teammates or whoever is open to take the shot. **Heading back onto the court,** Rico Maldonado (9) makes his way to get set for the next offensive set while playing with the Junior Varsity team.

There are many things that can happen in a season of basketball some that can be quite unexpected.

Many things can happen during a basketball season, some include players improving their skills and beating rivals, but this season took a turn when one of the basketball teams were on their way to a game. The bus drive to Lake Station Edison was relaxing until the bus crashed into an SUV. Camden Scheidt's experience was a terrifying one, "Prior to the crash I was sleeping on the bus. Right before it happened I heard some guys sort of yell because they saw it coming. I woke up and saw an SUV spinning in front of the bus then it tailed off to the side. I think the whole team was pretty shaken up mentally. I am not gonna make an excuse and say that we lost the game because of the crash, but I do think it messed with us mentally. Luckily nobody got hurt and everybody made it out ok." This season with its unexpected hiccup was still a great one.



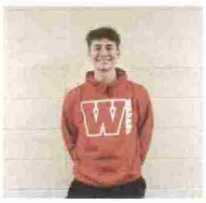
Getting ready to add free throw points to the scoreboard Kyren Abbott (11) lined up his shot with a focus on his routine. **Watching the basketball,** Michael Perry (12) kept a close eye on the ball so that he could secure the defensive rebound for the Trojans.

Racing towards the basket, Xavier Arce (12) has a clear path for a break-away layup in transition. **Heading back to** the defensive end of the court, Andrew Scott Jr (12) makes a sharp turn and running start to the other side so that he can prevent the Bishop Noll Warriors from scoring.

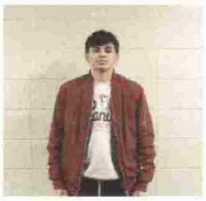
Last play of high school

Most seniors want to do their best when it comes to senior year and these players made it one of their best years.

"It was kinda sad actually because I have enjoyed basketball all four years and I get sad knowing that it's the end. Playing basketball has taught me to work hard for everything and to work as a team."
Joseph Tellez (12)



"I will miss playing with all my friends and winning, and that feeling of winning. I improved over all three years I have played because I grew up with my teammates and we all got better together."
Anthony Reid (12)



"I improved a lot, [and] have been through some ups and downs. [Basketball] has taught me some life lessons, [like] how to be close to friends and [that] they are pretty much my family. [Finally,] in order to achieve you have to work together."
Xavier Arce (12)

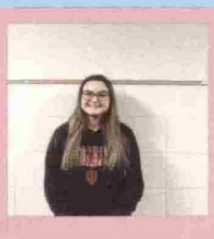
Carefully watching the zone defense get set up, Anthony Reid plans to fire the ball to a teammate making a cut through the key towards the basket.

CHEER & DANCE

Paying special attention to their timing in their ripple, the Sapphires showed off their pom routine during a winter basketball game. **As the crowd** watched in amazement, Railyn O'Connor (11) was inverted in a stunt dependent on her stunt team to push her back up into her full liberty. **Working on the** competition stunt routine, the cheerleaders utilized a timeout performance as a mini practice for themselves.

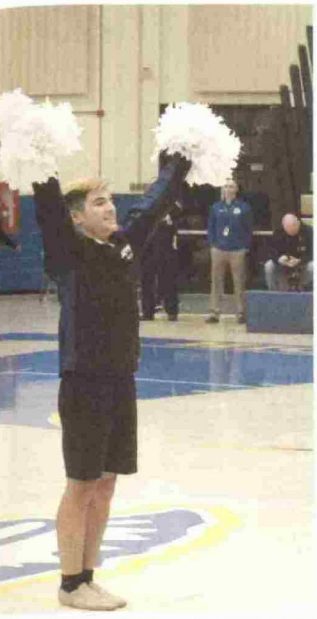
Desires to Perform

"I danced all my life but when I went to middle school my friends told me to try out for cheer with them and I thought it was a joke but then I ended up making the team and stayed with it. Keeping a good attitude is good since practices can get kinda challenging, and you have to stay patient and learn to deal with others."
Jenna Holguin (12)



"I feel like I have a lot of my friends because of cheerleading. I have been able to meet a lot of cool people and been able to do a lot of cool new things that I have not done before."

Cloe Schipper (12)

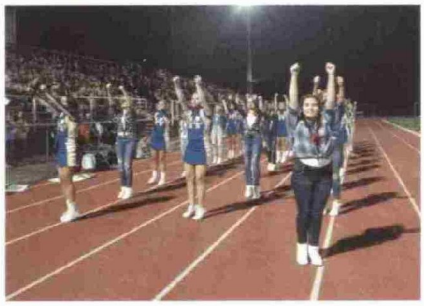


COMPETITION READY

The Sapphires took first place in Pom and second place in Hip Hop at the Lake Central Dance Invitational on February 15, 2020.

In anticipation of a successful competition season, the Sapphires perform their hip hop routine during half time of a home basketball game. Though small in number, they were large in heart when it came to giving their all to each move and count.

Under Friday Night Lights



While throwing her self into the air mid routine, Isabelle Gomez (10) cleanly performed the halftime routine at tailgate. Acting as a complete unit, the varsity, junior varsity and even middle school cheerleaders cheer on the varsity football team through the homecoming festivities.

Not just for Girls

Joseph Kerber (12) took a chance with cheerleading his junior year and set the stage for students at Highland High School to try something new. Elijah Montanez (12) decided to try something new this year himself, and tried out or the Sapphires. Both Kerber and Montanez have showed that not everything is gender specific, including cheer and dance.

"It has always been a passion of mine. I really wanted to be on the high school dance team ever since I was little and saw my cousin on it."

Aaliah Ortega (9)

"I danced when I was little so I decided to join the team this year. I have been dancing since I was two. I [went] to three studios and they have all kept me going."

Amalia Cruz (10)

Turnabout through the eyes of the people

Turnabout is a fun night where everyone no matter the grade can enjoy themselves to the fullest.

Mia Rivera (9)

"I think it was a fun night to dress up and hang out with friends. It was my first one, so I was really excited. At first, we took pictures so. I took pictures then we just danced around."

Madalyn Raudonis (12)

"The music this year was a lot different than last year. I think it was better. I wanted to have a good time with my friends and have a good night. Going with a group of friends is a lot more fun, because you're not tied down to anything."

Scarlett LaBuda (9)

"The photo booth was really fun, it was just being able to be goofy with my friends and dress up one night. I think going to a school knowing the people there and seeing them from a day to day basis into a night form really changes how you see people everyday."

Anyah Halbert (10)

"My favorite part about Turnabout is that we all got together and everybody started dancing towards the end. They had a good DJ and good atmosphere. I'm new here, so it's probably smaller in comparison to other dances. It was really good to me."

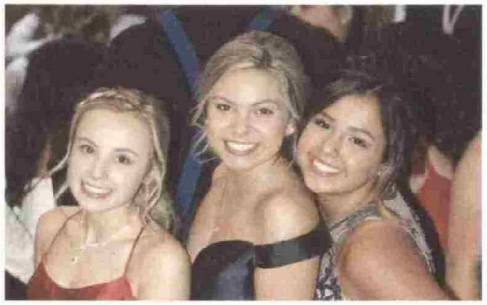
Dancing the Night Away

Turnabout is a night of fun for many of Highlands students. Whether that be with a date or just group of friends it is a night to enjoy yourself and rewind a little from the everyday stresses of high school.

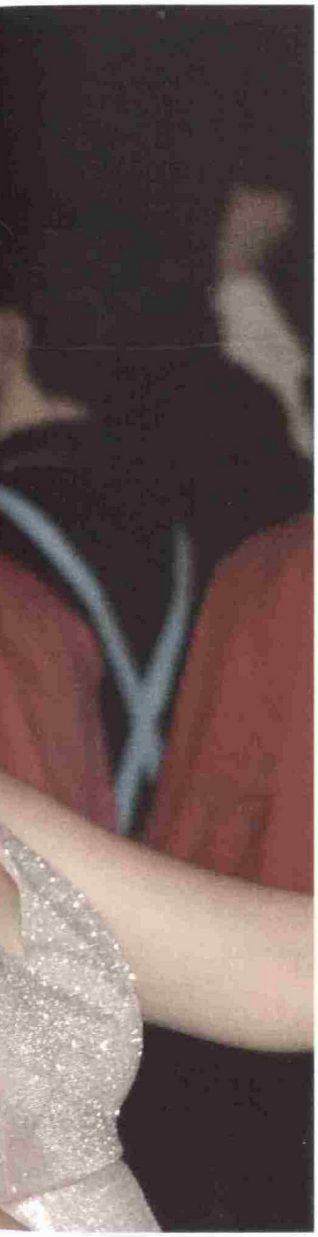
Turnabout can be seen as many things to the eyes of a high school student. It is a time to dress up and show off to your friends. Turnabout creates an environment to have fun with friends or dance away the night with a date. Smiling faces can be seen all around the dance floor as students are able to just have a good time being themselves without a care in the world. Many friends have this time reunite with friends they do not have the chance to see as much and socialize in an exciting environment, all while taking pictures to remember the fun they had. Every turnabout is different from their first to their last, each more enjoyable as the years go on. From the music to the suits and dresses, this turnabout was a night to remember for many more years to come.

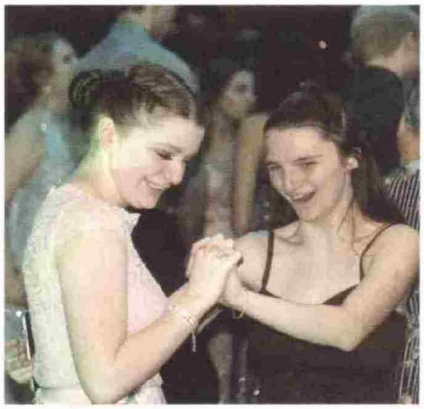
Smiling Faces

When Turnabout starts, the room is filled with many happy and smiling faces as everyone has a good time.



As laughter filled the air, Pilar Rodriguez-Trian (11) enjoyed herself at the dance with her friends. **In anticipation of** their first turnabout dance, Melanie Barber (9), Emily Burris (9) and Ella Gadomski (9) prepare for their arrival to the dance. *photo credit: Gadomski* **Taking a brief break,** Imajin Smith (10), Jade Gibbs (10), Elise Mundo-Sweet (10) all posed for a quick picture on the dance floor.





A time to remember

Dressed up for turnabout, Xander Grantsaris (10), and Mustapha Salman (9) go off on the dance floor. They danced, smiled, partied and had a great night! The perfect description of what turnabout is all about!

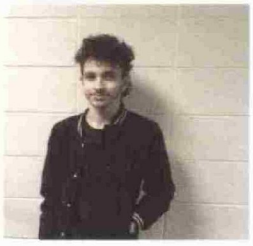
Dancing the night away, Ella Larson (11) and Brittany Bowers (11) enjoy each other's company as they smile, laugh, and dance as the night went on..

Turnabout Highlights

"It was my first turnabout so it was my first school dance. They had a photo booth there so that's about as much as I did. I mean we have three school dances a year and the only one I think is usually a big deal is prom."
James Mack (11)

"My favorite part about turnabout was dancing and the music. I think its not a big deal, but its a nice time to have fun with friends. I think if I went with a group of friends it might have been more interactive."
Griffin Spellings (9)

"My favorite part about turnabout was dancing and the music, it was really fun. I think turnabout is not a big deal, but it is a nice time to have fun with friends."
Gabriel Fontanez (9)



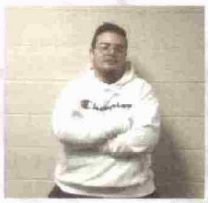
Winter Weather Thoughts

There are many thoughts when it come to winter. Some people enjoy the snow and even the cold. While others just wish that Winter would go away and Summers warm weather will come through.

"Since I was born in Spain, I go there a lot of the time in the Summer and it is super hot. I just like the summer time more because you can go outside without all the layers and I really hate wearing my coat."
Aroa Stover (10)

"I like summer, but it is hot, sweaty and everything sticks to you. It is annoying. In the winter you can wear more clothes to get you warm, but you cannot wear less clothes in the summer."
Joseph Kiourtsis (12)

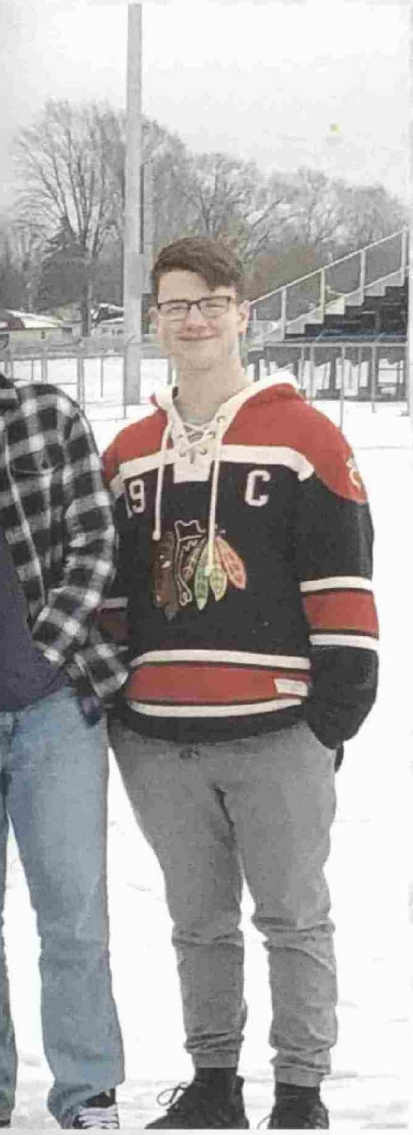
Taking time out of A lunch and passing period, students gathered outside on the practice football field after a fire alarm that was accidentally pulled on February 10, 2020 that forced students and staff outdoors. With an unusually warm winter and mid school day most rushed out the nearest exit without coats on even with the ground covered in snow. **Unable to** reenter the school until after the situation was cleared by the Highland Fire Department students such as Christopher Amador (12) were left with their backpacks on to help keep them warm while they stood outside. **In a desperate attempt to** finalize a project for Economics class taught by Mr. Scott Carlson, Amanda Hoffman (12) and group members staged a video using a snowblower with fake snow drawn on the sidewalk with chalk since there was no snow on the ground to complete their scenery.



"I actually like the summer a lot more because I like going to the beach, getting a tan, and I do a lot more. I mean I like drifting around the ice with my car."
Logan Flores (12)

"It is really cold and I have to wear a lot of stuff to school and I don't like wearing that much stuff to school. I do not like how cold it is and like all the snow everywhere."
Eric Onohan (9)

"I do not like the cold because you cannot go outside and I do not like the snow. I like Christmas and my birthday is in the WInter, but the worst is the snow and the cold."
Colleen Abell (11)



COLD SNAP

Living in the midwest means a whirlwind of different weather during winter, but this does not stop students from what they do.

The unconventional weathers of Northwest Indiana normally calls for at least one snow day when it reaches true cold temperatures. However this school year has been different, not a single snow day has been called, no E-Learning days none of it.

This past Valentines day, many students were very disappointed at the fact that they had to go to school that day. Temperatures had only reached to around negative one, getting progressively warmer throughout the day.

When asked about the lack of snow days, Amanda Remley replies, "Not having a snow day puts kids at a disadvantage. Several of my friends had to skip school because the sidewalks were not shoveled. This caused them to miss school and fall behind in their work."

Cold weather or not school goes on, encouraging students to keep on learning and doing everything they can for their education.

"I am good with technology and I think the new technology that is coming about is very interesting as well because it is crazy to think about how much there is"
Dana Savarino, (11)

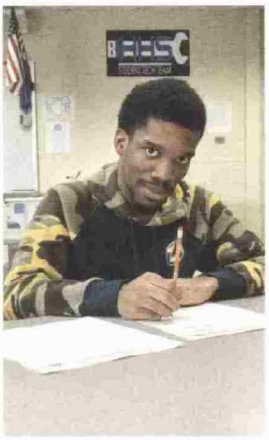
"It is fun if you are interested in computer science, you can take it when you want to try something new you can try it."

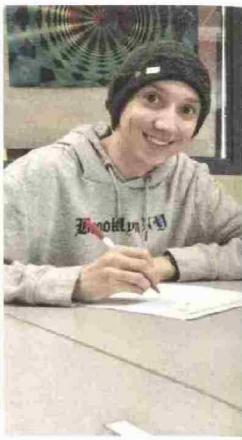
Zachary Davis (12)

"This benefits me because I am good at it, I find it very fun and entertaining. This is a career that I care to partake in and I just wanna help better other people through the technology."
Joseph Diaz (11)

Coding Comes Alive

Computer Science is one of the many new electives Highland has to offer, from coding to app development, the class has it all.





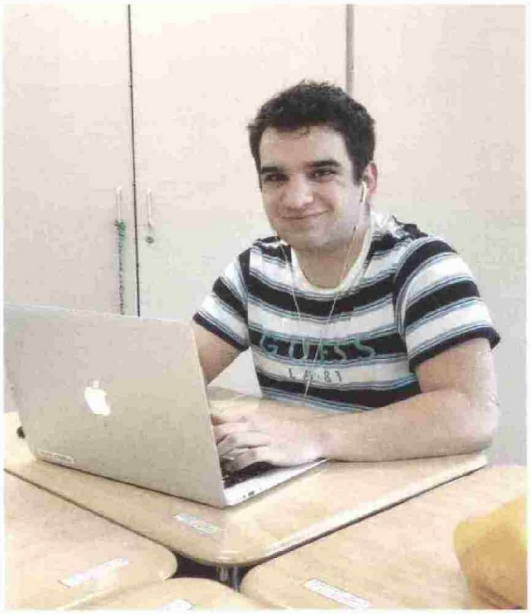
Computer science is a class that interests many. Jacob Celestin (12) is one of those many. "I have always been really interested in computers and how they work. I wanted to make them do what I wanted them to do and it is nice that I could actually control it," said Celestine.

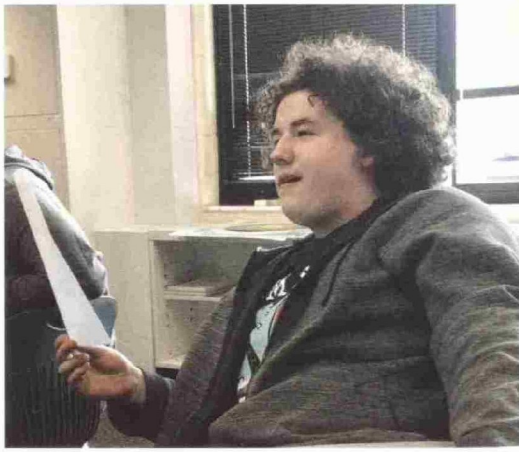
With technology advancing everyday there is a lot of demand for people to go into computer science careers. This is a passion for Celestine and he hopes to get a degree in software engineering.

"I am working on app development now and then I plan to go and get a degree in software engineering at Purdue," stated Celestine.

Computer sciences can be applicable to different areas in life and that is something that Celestine has been able to learn.

"I learned that computer science is very applicable to everyday life and situations that do not even work with computers. It can be used in lots of aspects of life," said Celestine.





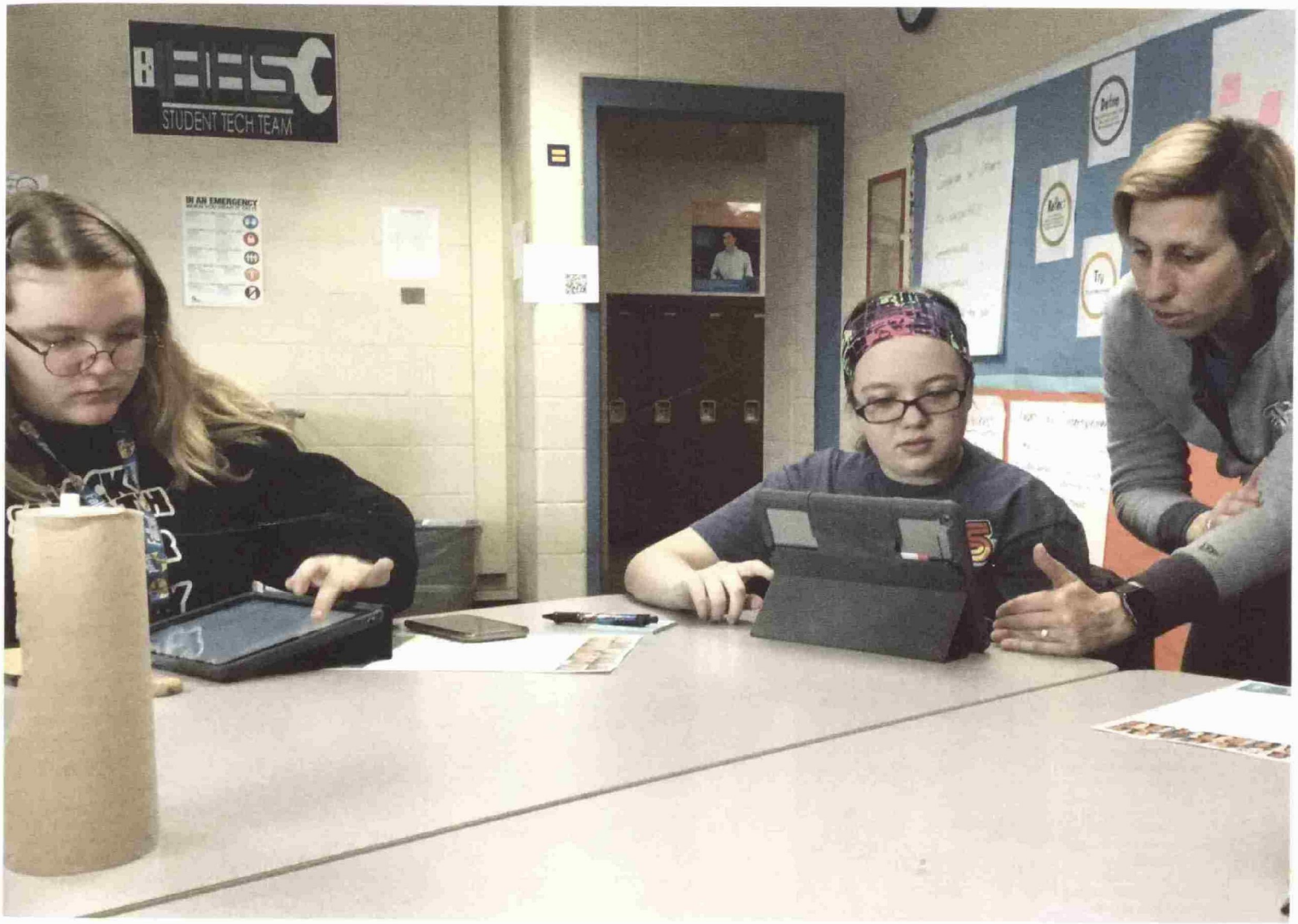
Computer Science in Action

Wishing that his perfect day assignment could be real, Ryan Spencer (11) prepared his code for his classmates to decipher. **Working on** a project Ethan Owens (12) compiled his thoughts so that he could write his code. **In an effort** to document all of his thoughts, Jason VanGorp (9) quickly penned them down. **After finishing** the assignment Daniel Diasio IV (11) sits back reviewing his answers.

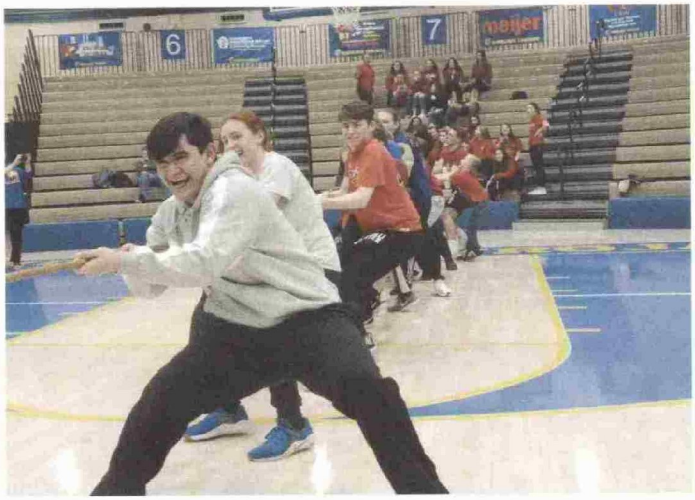
I wanna go into another type of math field and i know taking computer science is helpful for that. It is just something cool to do. I am into a lot of gaming stuff so i assumed computer science would be more towards that.
Daniel Diasio IV (11)

"My favorite art is that it is very collaborative and about team work efficiency. I wanted to do a more technological class, I think its beneficial because I want to go into cyber-security."
Ryan Johnson (11)

Future in Computers?



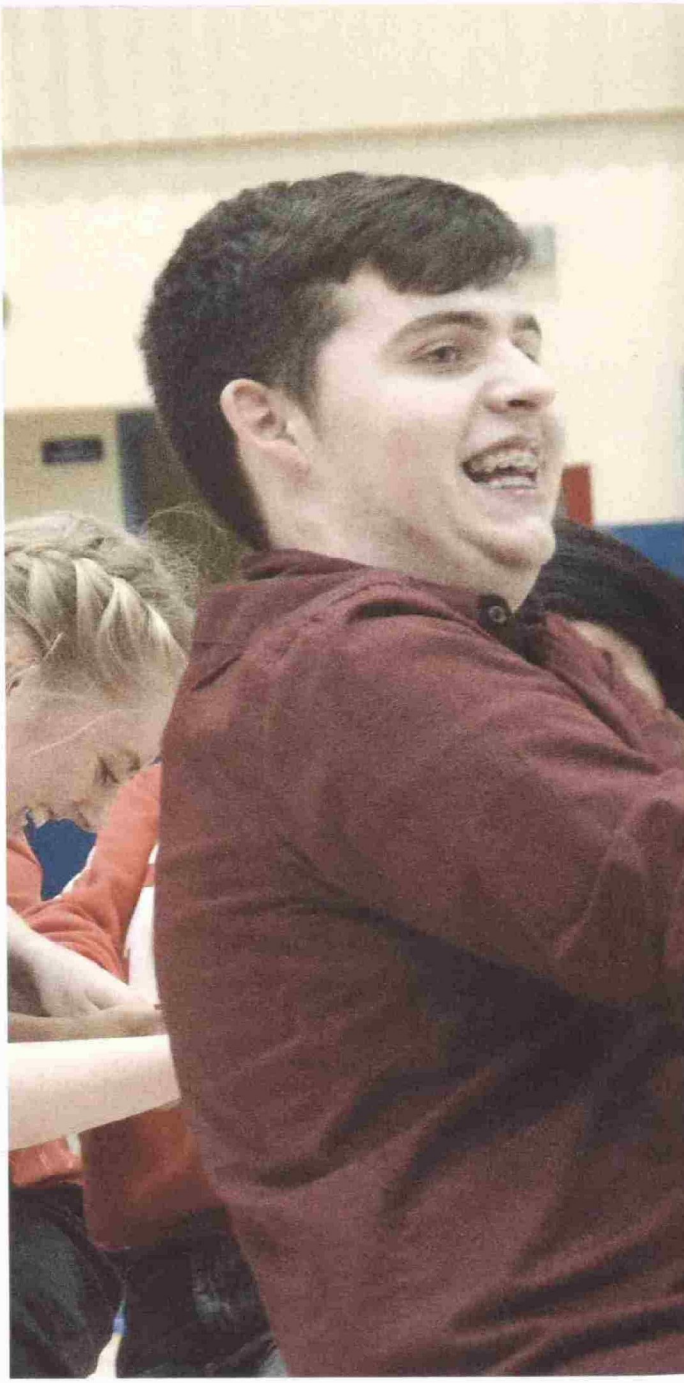
Focused on the coding work in front of them, Ericah Dongu (11) and Rebecca Rzeszut (10) work diligently hoping to complete coding problems they were given. **After finishing** all of their work girls who code stood there amazed that they were able to get all their coding problems done.



By working with each other, the students that attended Southridge Elementary School pulled on the rope with all of their might.

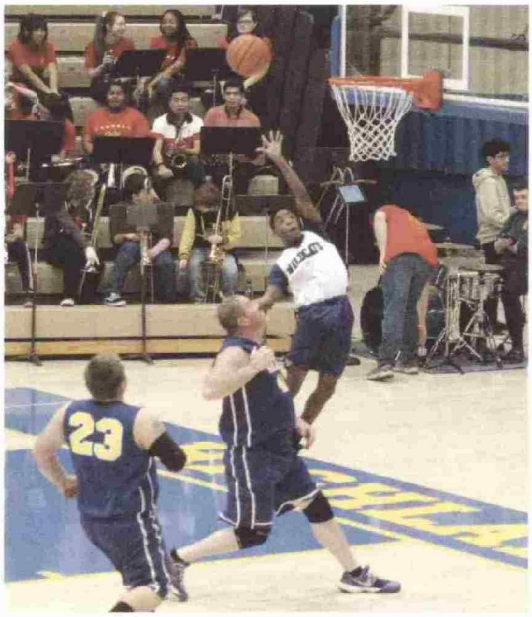
Trying to stay behind the line, the students from Johnston Elementary tugged their opponents with exploding laughter and smiles.

Before playing his trombone, Robert Baughard Jr (9) smiles greatly as he joins his past elementary school meet in tug of war. Robert came to the basketball game to play with the schools Pep Band, spending the night smiling with friends and enjoying the basketball game. The band came and played songs during breaks and time outs, they do this as well for the regular basketball season.



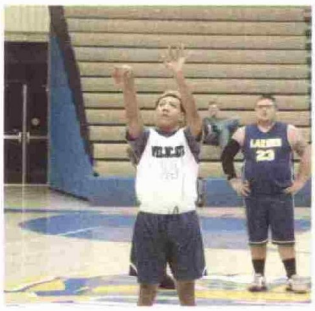
Rally Around the Stars

Student Athletic Leadership, Pep Band and students of our Highland community gathered to cheer on teams from our community in a night of basketball and fun.



Intently watching the game in front of them, they band waits for their next chance to play. The band plays during the girls and boys games, but this game was different as they got to celebrate the same love for basketball as the players on the court. Baritone saxophone player Noah Ostrom (9) states "I think its important for the band to support [Special Olympics Indiana] because they deserve our support."

Love the Game



Student Athletic Leadership Committee stepped up the annual tradition of clinics or helping at practices to host a basketball game complete with a pep band, and cheering audience. Promoting the act of being more inclusive was the goal, but allowing these athletes to share their love for the game of basketball with fans was an amazing outcome. Breanna Burbridge (11) said, "It is nice to give them that big crowd, the student section and the band all showing up to support them." Getting the school community involved was the goal for our student athletes. Matthew Gonzales (11) said, "It was awesome to see our students cheer them on. Everyone that was involved really did a good job making this an amazing event." When the final buzzer sounded and handshakes shared, the love of the game was evident on their faces.

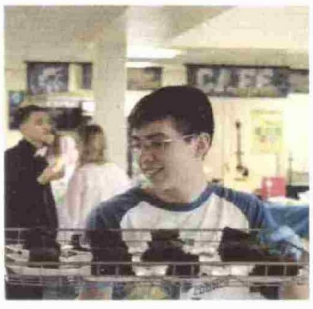
#marrow4max IS THE REASON

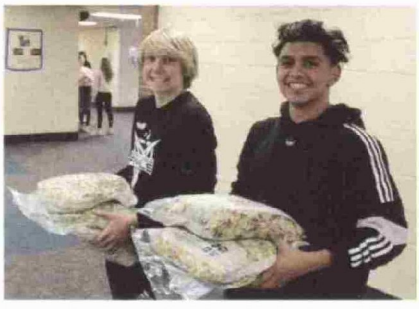
Student Council held the 30th annual spaghetti dinner to support a 3rd grader of Southridge Elementary School.

As student council started the planning phase of the annual spaghetti dinner the announcement of one of Highland's own being diagnosed with Fanconi Anemia, which requires multiple bone marrow transplants. The students rallied to raise funds to support him and his battle.

With the support of food from Amici Grill & Pizzeria, silent auction donations from local businesses, and a host of community members attending, Student Council was able to raise just over $9,000 for the family's expenses.

SETTING UP FOR DINNER

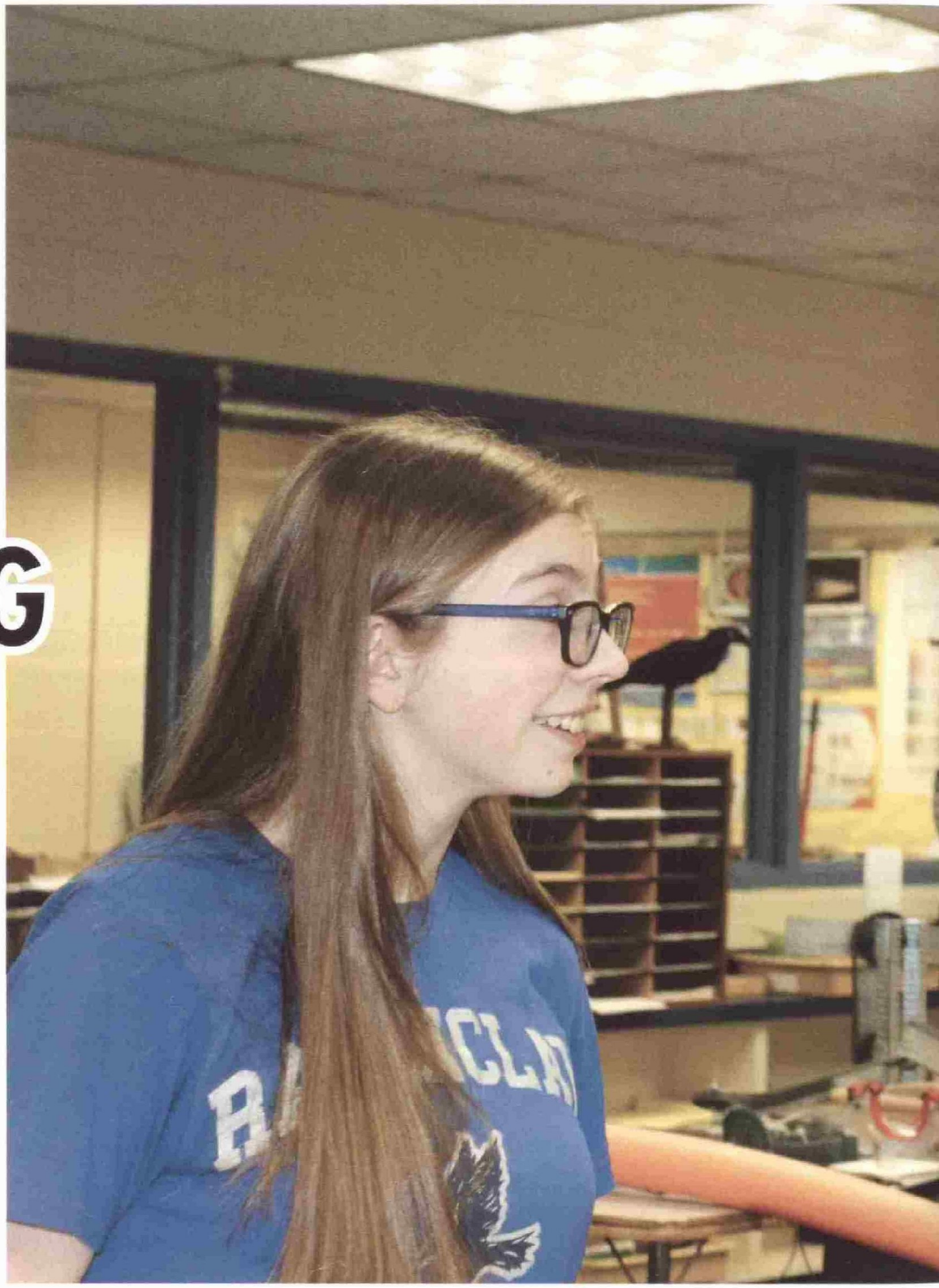


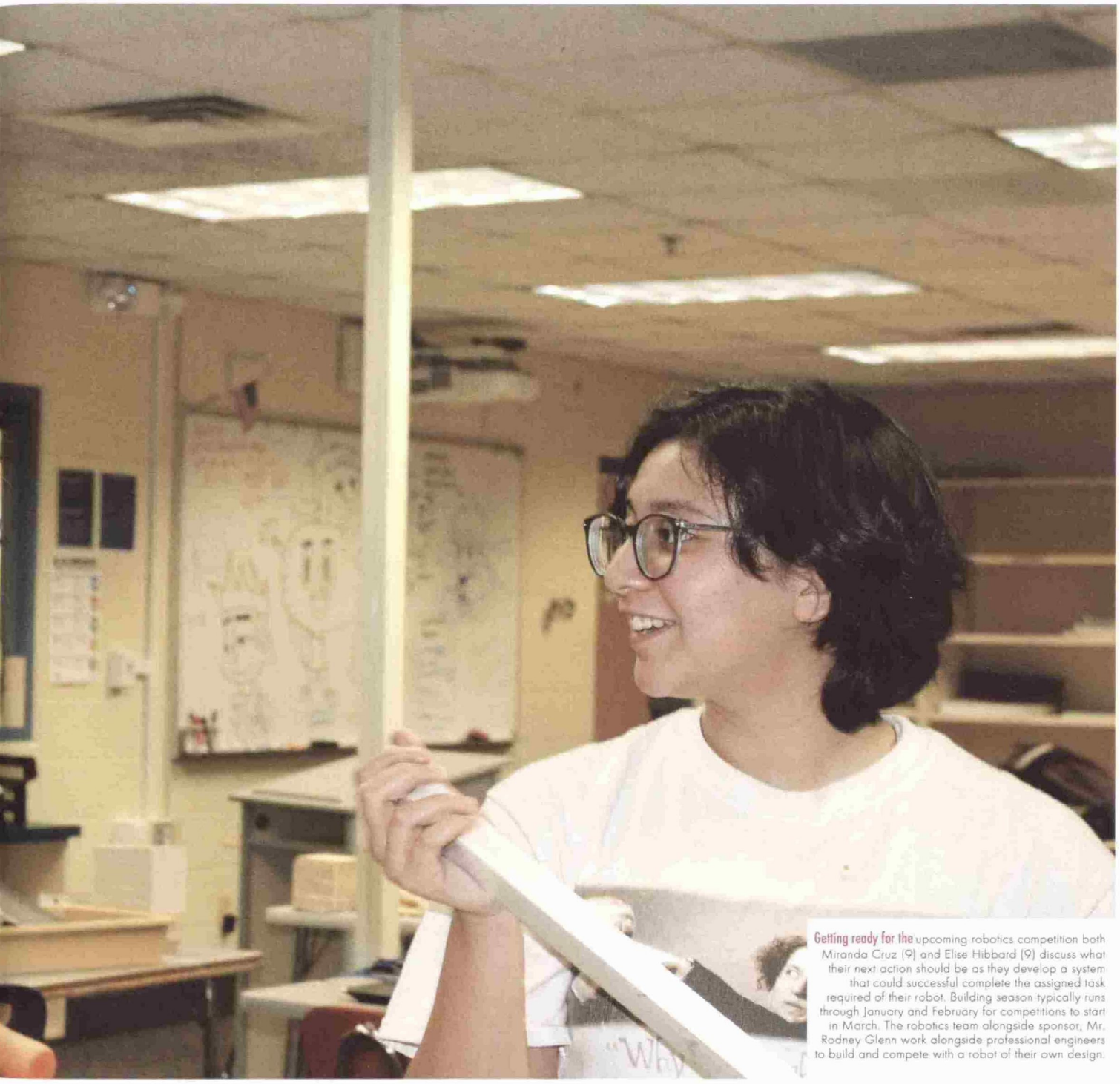


Anticipating another great dinner, Hannah Wieklinski (11), Arianna Winchell (12) and Morgan Juarez (11) give their smiling faces to the families. **Taking in the orders of guests,** Grace Bedka (10) and Blake Schwandt (10) work together to complete meals. **Lending her voice for the night,** Hannah Rebey (11) entertained the guests with a variety of songs while they enjoyed their food. **With an effort to** support the cause, Miss Ashley Sudar submitted her purchased ticket to the Student Council workers so that she could enjoy the spaghetti, garlic rolls, salad and dessert. **In anticipation of a successful spaghetti dinner,** Eleanor Davis (12) and Emily Marvel (12) overlook the variety of items from their committee that were collected for the silent auction. The items ranged from Chicago Cubs gear, a large canvas, an acoustic guitar, and a large quilted turtle pillow.

Getting dessert ready to accompany the main course, Daniel Wilson (12) helps carry the sliced cake for the kitchen staffs. **Checking the** utensils and to go boxes before the dinner, Lily Binner (11) sorts the stock to make sure everything is in order. **Preparing for the dinner hours before the event,** Victor Cruz Jr (11) and Dane Richardson (11) bring side salads to the cafeteria. **Putting on gloves before the first family arrives,** Christopher Dananay (10) is ready to start his serving shift. **Working alongside the cafeteria workers,** part of the Student Council members lend their hands to making side salads, cutting cake, and a variety of other tasks for the night.

SPRING





Getting ready for the upcoming robotics competition both Miranda Cruz (9) and Elise Hibbard (9) discuss what their next action should be as they develop a system that could successful complete the assigned task required of their robot. Building season typically runs through January and February for competitions to start in March. The robotics team alongside sponsor, Mr. Rodney Glenn work alongside professional engineers to build and compete with a robot of their own design.

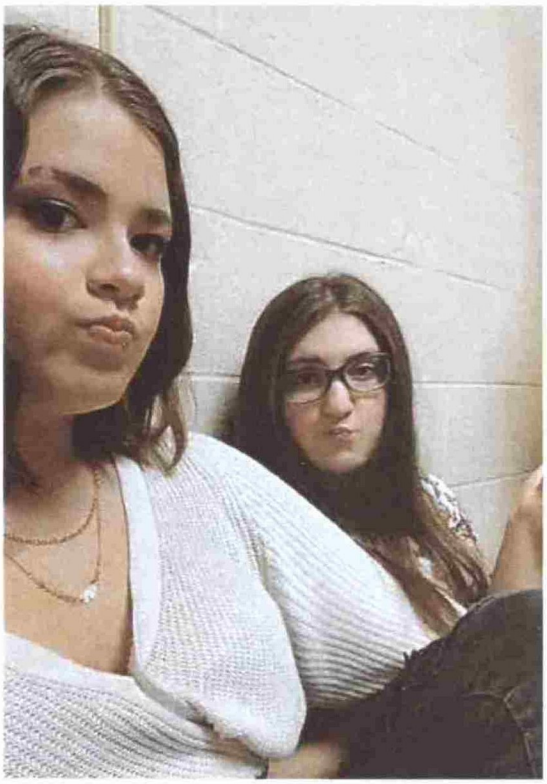
SUPPLEMENT

SOPHOMORES

In anticipation of memorable moments for the spring for students, staff and administration individuals were caught off guard with the announcement of School Town of Highland closing schools. Students and teachers were informed that elearning would start March 27, 2020 and later informed per Governor Eric Holcomb that all Indiana schools would remain closed for the continuation of the 2019-20 school year.

START NOW

Stopping to celebrate Pi Day, the students in Ms. Sherri Terrell's 7th hour Geometry class enjoyed an Oatmeal Cream Pie while completing their choice of an activity. In the hope of a successful end to the third quarter, a group of students in Mr. Dylan Marich's third hour IED class opted to take a polaroid photograph together. Upon learning that school would be closed through April 10, 2020 both Ella Gadomski (9) and Jennifer Covello (9) thought they would find themselves back in the band room later in the school year.



QUARTER *THREE*

With one more quarter to go, there was so much to look forward to.

March 13, 2020 was just another Friday for most students. It was the end of the third quarter. Most classes were spent taking quarterlies or wrapping up presentations.

But by sixth hour the story changed.

Mr. Brian Smith, Superintendent of Schools announced, "out of an abundance of caution and utilizing preemptive measures due to the Coronvirus, in colloaboration with state and local authorities, the School Town of Highland will be closed starting Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, April 10, 2020."

What would come next, no one knew. But teachers and students had two weeks to prepare for elearning to start on March 30, 2020.

"I thought elearning was going to be like every other time we had an elearning [day] but when I figured out that [the schedule was] split days I was pretty excited," Ian Fulkerson (10) said.

Soon the staff and school community was informed that elearning would run three days a week with an alternating schedule of morning and afternoon classes. This was allowed due to the twenty waiver days that were approved by the Indiana Department of Education.

STUDENT OPINION

Not everyone had the same opinions while moving through the distance learning process.

"Elearning was an independent learning experience based off the determination one had. This compromised all students. Not only the less passionate student, but the driven as well. There are only so many edpuzzles and worksheets a teacher can give before losing motivation and giving up, especially when there are so many distractions."
- Lacey Pierce (10)

"I did not really like [elearning] because my grades dropped and I like it when I am actually in class better instead of doing stuff online."
- Carley Szarkowicz (9)

"Well, I originally thought 'well this is gonna suck,' and I was right. Elearning is trash and I would rather risk covid just to be in a normal classroom and see all [of] my friends."
- Amirah Grubb (10)

"[It was] difficult at first but near the end I took advantage of the resources I had as well with my time."
- Ryan Foote (10)

"It went well and I still managed to turn in all of my assignments on time and get a good grade out of it."
- Ethan Johnston (12)

"I liked [elearning] better than going to school because I had more free time."
- Brandie Miles (10)

"I thought it was going to be really difficult complete our remainder of the year online. It was like students were having to teach themselves the rest of the curriculum with a small amount of guidance from teachers."
- Jade Soto (10)

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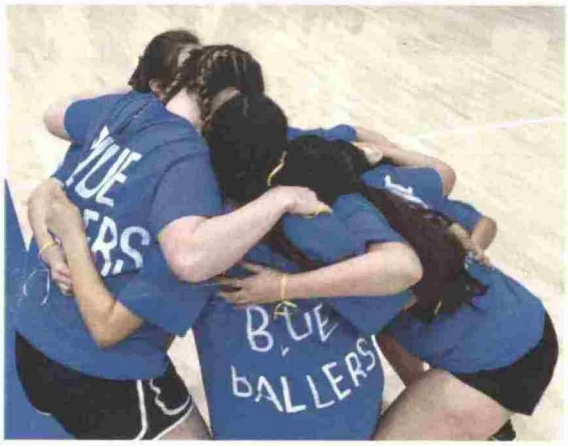
Loads of Fun had by all that played.

With ball in hand Andrew Barsich (10) watched with teammate Gavin Hofkamp (10) how their opponent would respond with retaliation. **Unable to be on the court** at the moment, the Ball Busters cheer on their teammates Arianna Winchell (12), and Mia Rivera (9) to earn them a spot back on the floor. **Trying to stay in** play, Makale Moore (11) dropped toward the ground while his teammates helped keep their team alive. **While throwing the** ball across the court, Mason Plebanski (12) depended on Jackson Raycroft (12) for backup to keep their team alive and in the game.



With victory so close the Bodgedollars prepared for their final match to clinch the title again. To add a little more fun to the evening, Lukas Robledo (12) and Nickolas Robledo (11) sported their choice of onsie pajamas as did their teammates. While waiting for their match to start, the Blue Ballers gathered to inspire their team to work together for a win.

ANNUAL
DODGEBALL

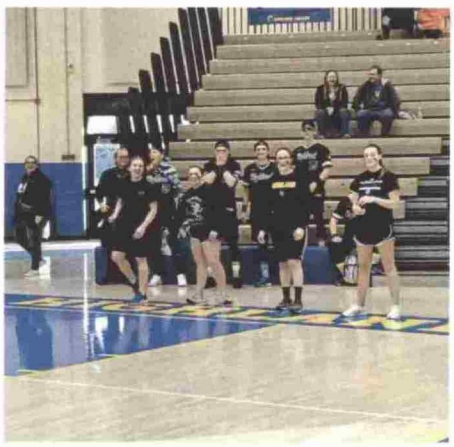
The Class of 2021 was able to host the annual dodgeball tournament on March 13, 2020 despite hearing that school was closing early for Spring Break.

In order to raise funds for things like Prom, the junior class planned to host the annual dodgeball tournament.

Teams were allowed to sign up days in advance during all lunch hours. The tournament would host eleven teams in the double elimination event.

While many were nervous that the event would be canceled due to the school district announcing schools would be closed, the event was a success.

"My favorite high school memory was winning the dodgeball tournament with the boys on our last day in Highland High School as students," Anthony Reid (12) said.



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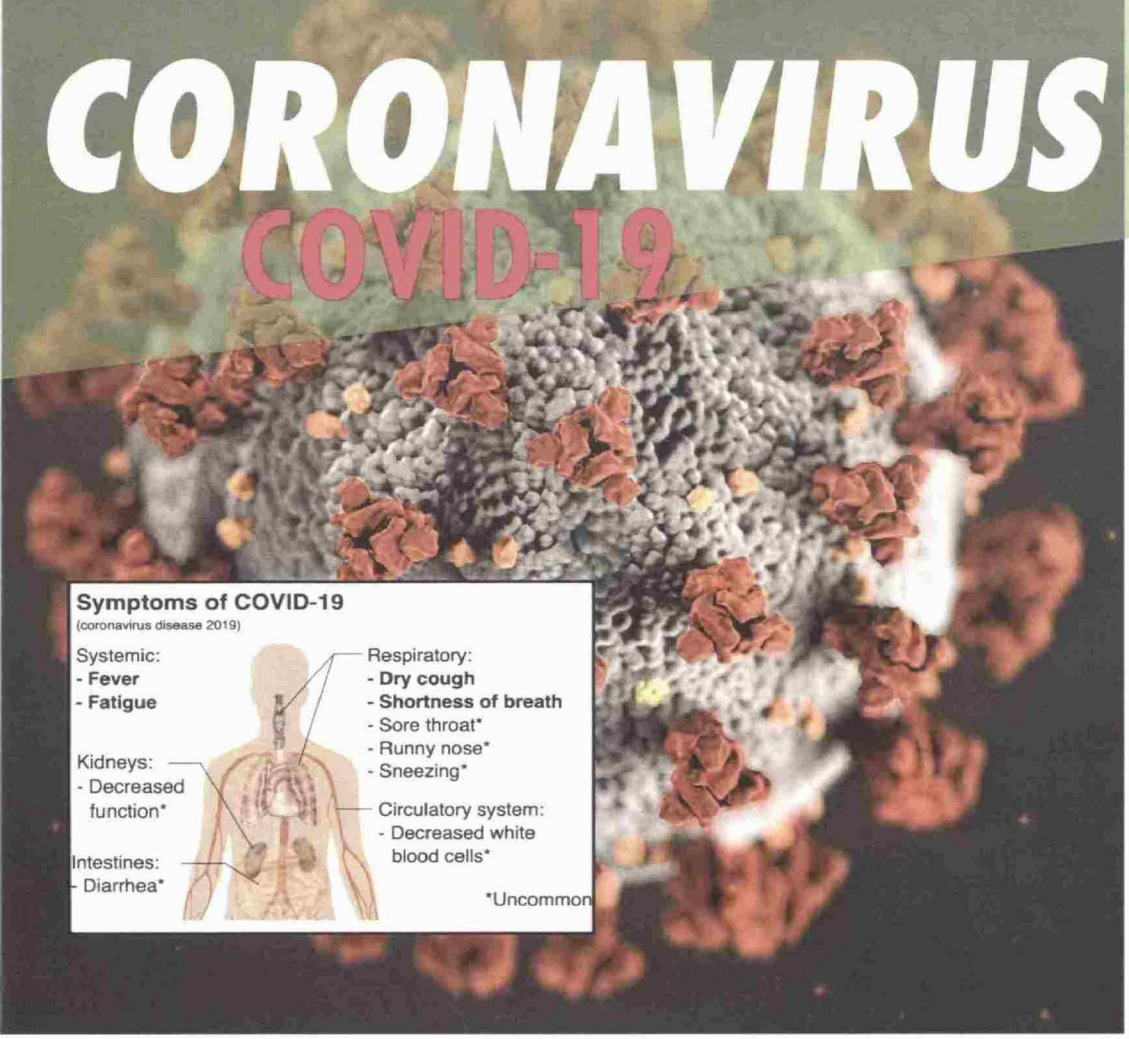

The National Basketball League announced at 9:31 p.m. ET on March 11 that all games, including those scheduled for that night, were canceled until further notice while the league determined its next steps. This move was made as a result of Utah Jazz center Rudy Gobert testing positive for COVID-19. On Thursday, Jazz guard Donovan Mitchell confirmed on Instagram that he, too, had tested positive. Five NBA teams who had played the Jazz were ordered to self-quarantine: the Detroit Pistons, Boston Celtics, Cleveland Cavaliers, New York Knicks and the Toronto Raptors.

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Loves

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Following the NBA's action, the National Hockey League also suspended their season on March 11. With 189 games and three and a half weeks remaining in the NHL's regular season, the league hopes to resume once the virus peaks. Major League Baseball announced at the same time that all remaining Spring Training games were canceled and the 2020 season would be delayed for at least 2 weeks. Major League Soccer and the PGA followed suit by canceling their respective events.

Statistics *

GLOBAL CASES

197,135 confirmed cases
7,949 deaths
81,683 recovered

U.S. CASES

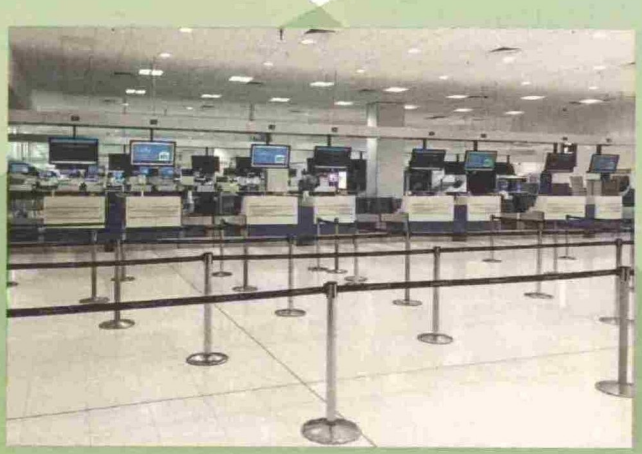
5,891 confirmed cases
99 deaths
74 recovered

*as of 3/17/20
https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/

Panicked shoppers rushed to grocery stores to stock up on essential items like toilet paper causing over buying in cases and leading to drastic shortages.

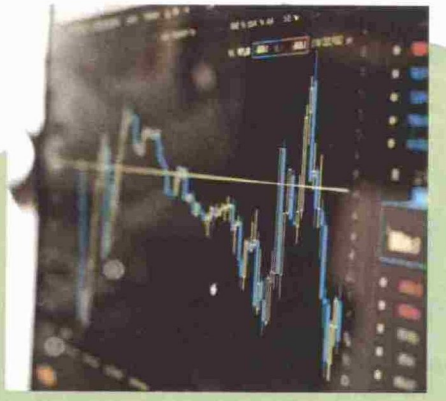
On March 11, it was announced that all March Madness tournament games would play with no crowds in attendance. As fears over coronavirus worsened, however, that suspended audience turned to outright cancellation on March 12. NCAA President Mark Emmert canceled the Division I men's and women's 2020 basketball tournaments, as well as all remaining winter and spring NCAA championships. "This decision is based on the evolving COVID-19 public health threat, our ability to ensure the events do not contribute to spread of the pandemic, and the impracticality of hosting such events at any time during this academic year given ongoing decisions by other entities," the NCAA said in a statement.

On March 12th, Disneyland in Anaheim, California, announced that it would close for an undetermined length of time in their own bid to help people practice "social distancing" during the spread of the virus. The parks previously closed down in the wake of the JFK assassination, the Northridge earthquake in 1994, and after 9/11, but this closure represents their longest closure in history. The closure began on March 14 and was expected to continue through the end of the month.

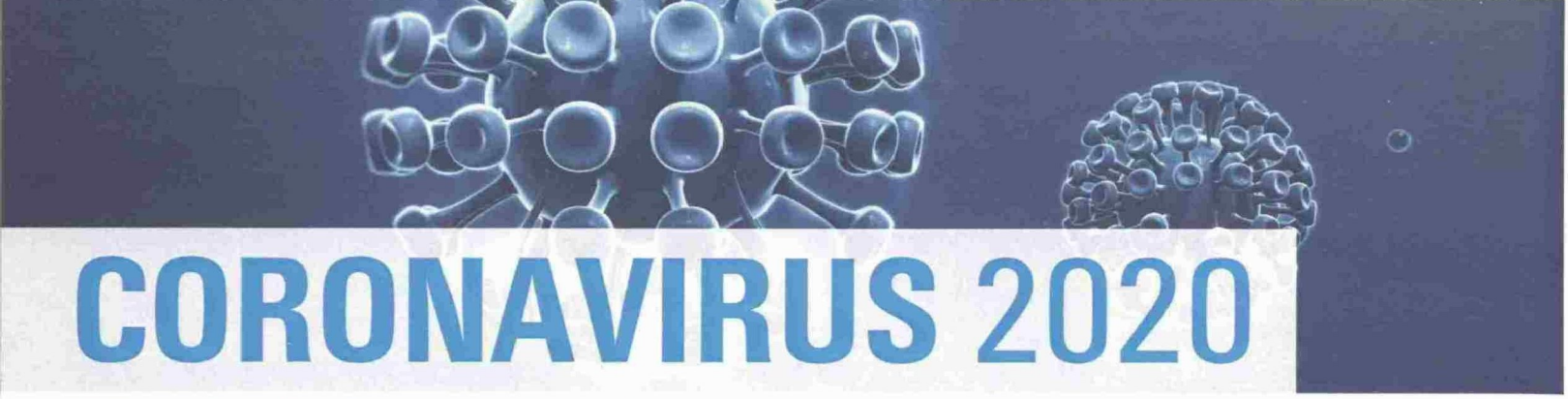


In response to COVID-19, many countries imposed travel restrictions at their borders. Passengers arriving from international destinations were screened for fevers and faced a 14-day quarantine depending upon where they'd been traveling. On March 11, President Trump shut down travel between the United States and Europe for 30 days in an effort to contain the virus.

Broadway theatres went dark at 5:00 PM on March 12, by order of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. Performances were scheduled to resume the week of April 13. The announcement came as venues and performing arts organizations around New York City and the country announced closures of their own amid rising concerns about the global coronavirus pandemic. Governor Cuomo announced in a press conference that no gatherings of more than 500 people would be allowed, excepting schools, hospitals, mass transit, and nursing homes.



Propelled by fears of the coronavirus, the stock market fell into crisis in a matter of 16 days of trading. The Standard & Poor's 500 entered a bear market for the first time since the financial crisis of 2008, and the Dow endured its biggest one-day percentage drop since the 1987 crash. The 16-day drop was the fastest decline ever and happened nearly twice as fast as the stock market crash in 1929,"This is bad. The worst and fastest stock market correction in our career," stated an economist. "The economy is doomed to recession if the country stops working and takes the next 30 days off. The stock market knows it. Bet on it."



CORONAVIRUS 2020

What is the Coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The most recently discovered coronavirus causes coronavirus disease COVID-19.

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Within the United States, the coronavirus sent people to stores to clear shelves of hand sanitizer, soap, sanitizing wipes, protective face masks, and even toilet paper. The situation evolved on a day-to-day basis with new travel restrictions and "hot spots" of the virus popping up on a rolling basis. On March 11, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The United States terminated air travel to and from Europe for 30 days, and the NBA suspended their season. At time of print, many Massachusetts elementary, middle, and high schools were closing and cancelling events, both in order to clean the school facilities and to prevent large crowds from gathering. Experts anticipate that the virus will get worse before it gets better.

Protection measures for everyone

Stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak, available on the WHO website and through your national and local public health authority. Many countries around the world have seen cases of COVID-19 and several have seen outbreaks. Authorities in China and some other countries have succeeded in slowing or stopping their outbreaks. However, the situation is unpredictable so check regularly for the latest news.

You can reduce your chances of being infected or spreading COVID-19 by taking some simple precautions:

- **Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Why?**
  Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.
- **Maintain at least 6 feet distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.**
- **Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Why?**
  Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.
- **Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.**
- **Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority. Why?**
  National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on the situation in your area. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent spread of viruses and other infections.

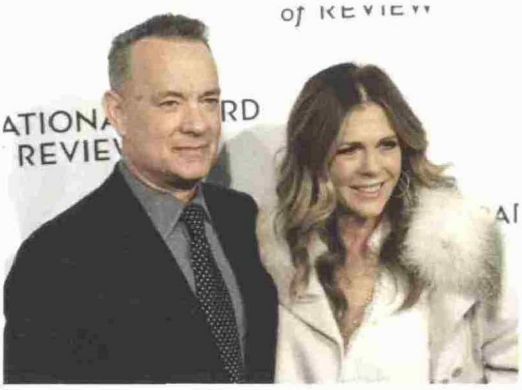
What is Indiana doing to prepare?

The Indiana Department of Education has directed schools to update plans for outbreaks or pandemics. The state called for schools to identify leadership teams, outline communications plans, establish flexible attendance and sick-leave policies and have students and staff avoid travel to areas with advisories. The state also told school districts to prepare plans for home instruction in case they need to close.

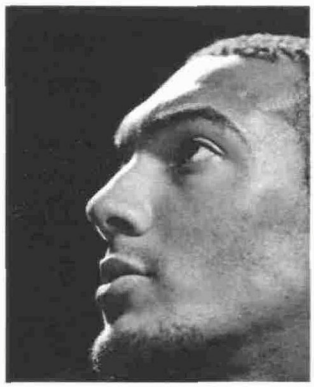
Who determines when a school will close?

If local health officials report that there are cases of COVID-19 in the community, schools may need to close to prevent its spread. Schools can be shut down by a written directive from the Indiana Department of Health or the health officer in a local jurisdiction.

A few of the first public figures who announced they tested positive



Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson



Rudy Gobert

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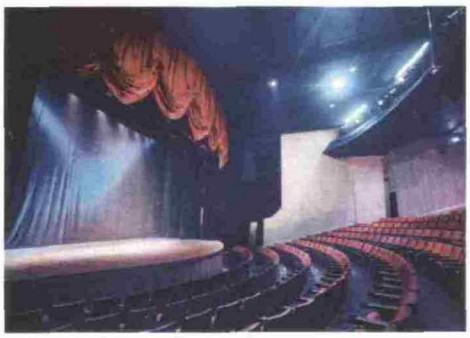
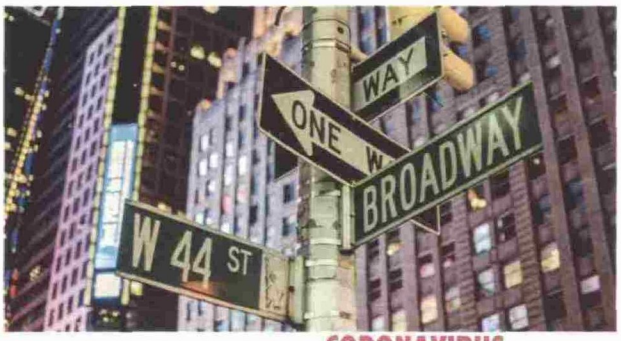
Closings and Cancellations across the United States

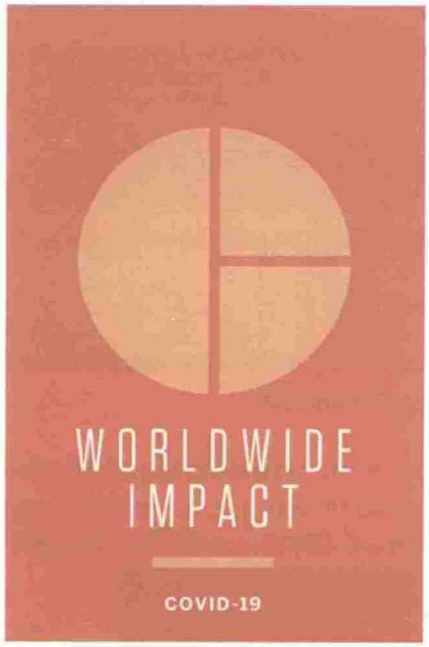
Walt Disney World (as of 3/13/2020)
Disneyland (as of 3/13/2020)
Universal Studios, Orlando Florida
Disney Cruise Line (as of 3/14/2020)
NBA suspends season
NHL suspends season
Major League Baseball suspending spring training, delaying regular season
Broadway goes dark
Schools & Churches
South by Southwest
Music Concerts
Tourists Attractions
Cruise Ship Ports
Movie Theaters
Local restaurants and stores

M-I-C-K-E-Y-M-O-U-S-E! Disney said that it also will close its Anaheim theme parks, Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and Disneyland Paris Resort in an abundance of caution and in the best interest of our guests and employees.

Broadway Goes Dark. Despite efforts to keep doors open amid a growing public health crisis, Broadway theaters in New York City are going dark starting March 12 at 5 p.m. because of coronavirus.

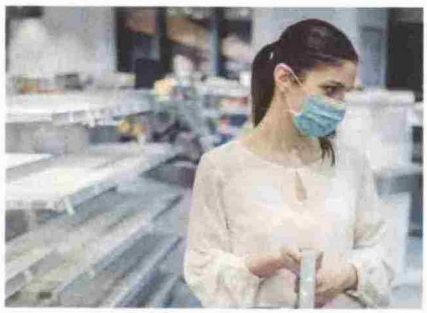






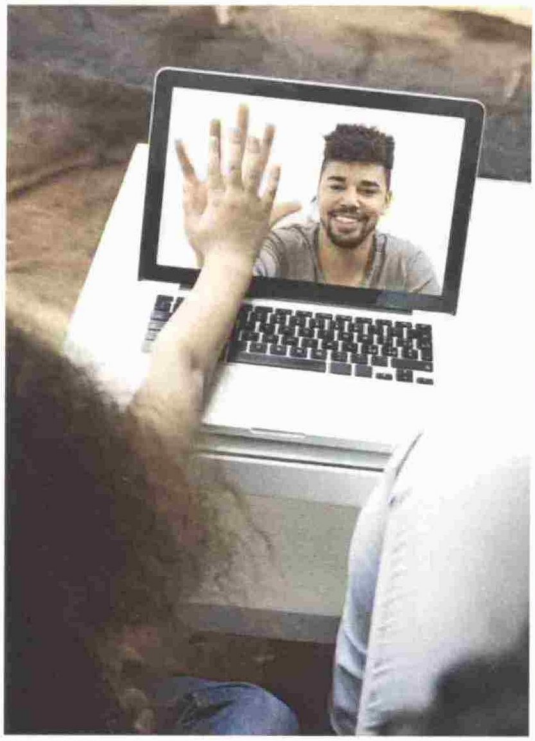
WHAT IS SOCIAL **DISTANCING?**

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL asked everyone to take intentional actions to avoid passing the coronavirus from person to person. Anyone who didn't feel well was asked to stay home. In day-to-day life, social distancing meant staying away from places people gather and staying at least six feet from other people. That meant no eating in restaurants, no movies or plays and no attending sports events. For younger kids, it meant no playgrounds, playdates or sleepovers. For adults, it meant no trips to the gym, salons or restaurants. The CDC also advised that people cancel all non-essential appointments, including surgeries or medical procedures that weren't critical.



SEVERE MEASURES

STATES WITH HIGH LEVELS of positive COVID-19 tests began issuing shelter-in-place orders. Residents were only allowed to leave their homes for essential tasks such as getting food or seeking medical help.



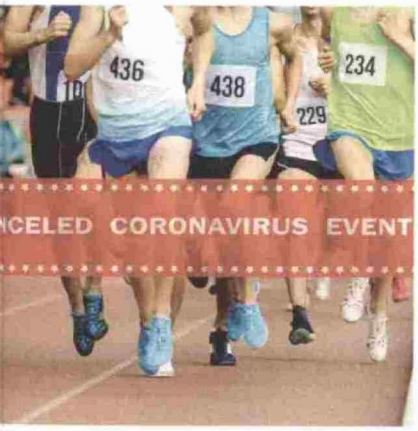
HOW WE DEALT WITH THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS

First steps

- Limited travel out of the country was a first step.
- Experts suggested self-quarantining for those who had recently traveled or were feeling sick.
- New cruise travel was canceled and passengers returning from foreign cruises were quarantined.

HOW COMPANIES HELPED

- Many companies that offer online learning resources and services, started allowing teachers to use their resources at no charge.
- Adobe began making its Creative Cloud software available for students to use at no charge.
- Burger King started giving away free kids meals to help make up for children who are not being fed because they are not in school.
- U-Haul offered 30 days of free storage for college students who had to move out of their dorms with little notice.
- Many grocery stores began providing senior-only shopping hours so that older citizens could shop with less chance of being exposed to the virus.
- Big box stores, such as Walmart, adjusted store hours so employees could properly clean and sanitize the store and restock the shelves.
- Cosmetics and liquor companies both have alcohol on hand, and some opted to make hand sanitizer at their facilities.
- Companies, such as Apple and Facebook, that had extra masks left over from the California wildfires donated them to hospitals.



Next steps

- Schools closed with varying reports of trying to resume later in the spring. Students began online learning.
- People who could, began working from home and managing their homebound students.
- All sports — from Little League to professional — and entertainment including Broadway and television shows with a live audience, suspended operation.
- States limited gatherings — first large gatherings, such as conferences, and then even small gatherings of 10 or more people. This effectively closed restaurants causing many to convert to take-out only.

IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Most memorable closure and date

One thing you did at home

Best movie you watched

Most fun you had

TOILET PAPER **HOARDING**

AS FEARS ROSE over the idea of shelter-in-place orders and quarantine, toilet paper became scarce as consumers decided to clear shelves of TP, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies. Retailers resorted to limiting the number of packs that could be purchased at one time. We weren't alone. According to CNN, stores in Australia hired security guards to keep the peace in the TP aisles.

TP by the numbers:

- About 90 percent of the TP sold in the U.S. is also made in the U.S.
- The average person uses about 100 rolls each year.
- Approximately 75 percent of the world's population doesn't use TP.
- They do use TP on the International Space Station.
- Normal daily production is more than 83 million rolls per day.
- In the U.S., packaged TP first became available in 1957.
- One company advertised splinter-free TP in 1935.

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NOTABLE NAMES TEST POSITIVE

Public figures:

- Prince Charles, heir to the British throne
- Rand Paul, U.S. senator from Kentucky
- Sophie Trudeau, wife of Canadian Prime Minister
- Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson, actors
- Idris Elba, actor
- Kristofer Hivju, actor
- Daniel Dae Kim, actor
- Andy Cohen, actor/host

NBA players:

- Rudy Gobert and Donovan Mitchell, Utah Jazz
- Kevin Durant, Brooklyn Nets
- Christian Wood, Detroit Pistons
- Marcus Smart, Boston Celtics
- Numerous players and staffers from the Brooklyn Nets, Denver Nuggets, Philadelphia 76ers and Los Angeles Lakers organizations

AS OF MARCH 27

Tom Hanks

Sophie Trudeau

Kevin Durant

COVID-19 TIMELINE

A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

The family of viruses known as the coronaviruses caused sicknesses ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome), MERS (Middle East respiratory syndrome) and COVID-19, which was first identified in Wuhan, China. Symptoms included fever, cough and trouble breathing. Most developed only mild symptoms, but some people, usually those with other medical conditions, developed more severe symptoms, which were sometimes fatal.

DEC. 31–JAN. 7

- **Dec. 31:** China reports a cluster of pneumonia cases associated with the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market in Wuhan, China. By Jan. 3, the case numbers grow to 44 with 11 severely ill.
- **Jan. 7:** World Health Organization (WHO) officials confirm illness is a new form of coronavirus. Incident Management System is established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

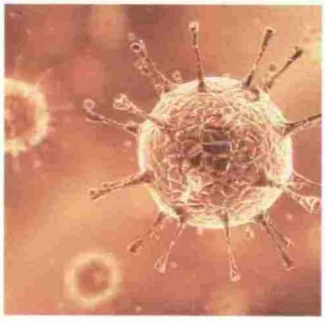
JAN. 11–23

- **Jan. 11:** China confirms first death from coronavirus.
- **Jan. 13:** Thailand reports first confirmed case of virus.
- **Jan. 15:** Japan reports first confirmed case.

» FIRST U.S. CASE

- **Jan. 21:** Washington state announces first confirmed case in the United States.
- **Jan. 23:** Chinese officials close off Wuhan, China (population of more than 11 million).

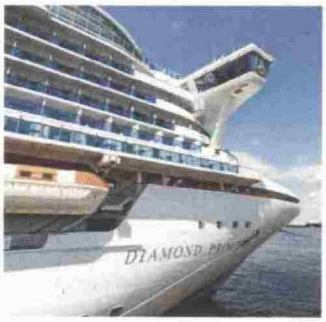
JAN. 30–FEB. 2



- **Jan. 30:** WHO declares a "public health emergency of international concern."
- **Jan. 31:** The U.S. declares a public health emergency and establishes restrictive mandatory quarantine guidelines for travelers arriving at major airports. Trump administration suspends entry into the United States by any foreign nationals who had traveled to China in the last 14 days.
- **Feb. 2:** First death outside of China due to the virus is reported in Philippines.

FEB. 5

- More than 3,600 passengers are quarantined aboard the Diamond Princess cruise ship in Yokohama, Japan, after numerous passengers test positive for the virus. The number of people who tested positive onboard was the largest number of coronavirus cases outside of China to date.



FEB.6

- Chinese ophthalmologist Li Wenliang, who worked treating coronavirus victims, dies after contracting the virus. Dr. Li first warned that the cluster of infections could spin out of control, but was forced to sign a statement denouncing his warning. Many hailed him as a hero for ringing early alarms about the virus.

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FEB. 10–14

- **Feb. 10:** Death toll of 908 in China surpasses the number of individuals killed by a SARS epidemic in 2002-2003.
- **Feb. 11:** WHO names new coronavirus COVID-19, which stands for coronavirus disease 2019.
- **Feb. 14:** First death in Europe reported in Paris, France. Individual was an 80-year-old Chinese tourist.

FEB. 27

- NASDAQ-100, the S&P 500 Index, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average post their sharpest falls since 2008.

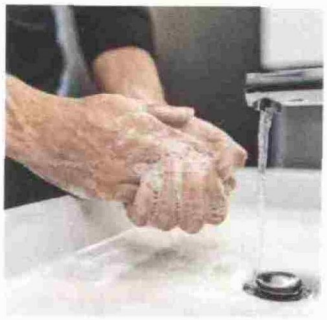
MARCH 6–8

» FIRST MAJOR EVENT CANCELLATION

- **March 6:** South by Southwest, a music, film and interactive media festival planned for March 13–22 in Austin, Texas is canceled to prevent coronavirus spread. The festival, in its 34th year, typically drew a half-million people to the city.
- **March 8:** CDC recommends avoiding cruise travel and for older passengers to avoid large gatherings and long plane rides.

FEB. 23–26

- **Feb. 23:** A surge of cases reported in Northern Italy leads the Italian government to begin quarantining entire cities.
- **Feb. 24:** Trump administration asks Congress for $1.25 billion for coronavirus response.
- **Feb. 25:** The CDC says that it's inevitable the disease will spread to the U.S and residents should prepare for "severe disruptions."
- **Feb. 26:** Brazilian officials announce first Latin America case of COVID-19.



FEB. 28–29

» DISEASE BECOMES WIDESPREAD

- **Feb. 28:** First case of American coronavirus community spread is found in California. Number of infections in Europe spike. Sub-Saharan Africa announces its first.
- **Feb. 29:** Governor of the state of Washington declares state of emergency. Travel is banned to specific areas of Italy and South Korea, and all of Iran. First U.S. death is reported in Washington.

MARCH 11

» WHO DECLARES PANDEMIC

- World Health Organization declares coronavirus a pandemic.
- In a national televised address, President Donald Trump announces a temporary ban on travel from Europe.
- After being diverted on March 4 from Mexico, the Grand Princess Cruise ship is finally allowed to dock in Oakland, California. Initially 19 crew members had tested positive for the virus. All passengers on board are quarantined for at least 14 days.

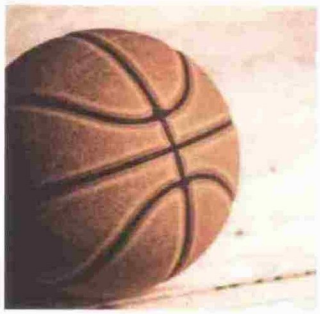
MARCH 11

» SPORTS SHUTDOWN BEGINS

- NBA suspends season after Utah Jazz player Rudy Gobert tests positive for the virus. Additional NBA players test positive in the following days and weeks.

» COLLEGES START GOING ONLINE

- Multiple universities across the U.S. announce that they are moving to online teaching.



MARCH 12

- NHL and MLS suspend season.
- NCAA cancels all spring and winter sport championships, including the popular "March Madness" basketball tournament.
- MLB cancels spring training and pushes back opening day.
- Stock markets suffer the greatest single-day fall since the 1987 stock market crash.

MARCH 13

- Numerous other sporting events, including several NASCAR races, the Boston Marathon, the Masters Golf Tournament and several Formula 1 races are postponed or cancelled.
- Disneyland and Disney World close.
- Delta Airlines announces a 40 percent cut in capacity — the greatest decrease in its history.
- Poland, Denmark, Slovakia and the Czech Republic close their borders. Ukraine announces it will do the same later.
- President Trump declares national emergency freeing up $50 billion for emergency relief efforts.

MARCH 15

- The CDC advises no gathering of 50 or more people, causing many businesses including restaurants to change how they operate. Many restaurants convert to take-out and drive-thru only.

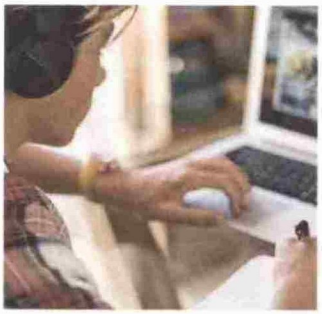
» MALLS CLOSE TO LIMIT CROWDS

- In many states, bars are ordered to close indefinitely ahead of the St. Patrick's Day holiday. Nike, Apple, Microsoft and other retail mall-based stores close.
- As reported cases in the U.S. passed 4,200, the stock market falls 2,977 points, logging the worst one-day drop in history.

MARCH 16–18

- **March 16:** McDonalds announces it will be closing all of its in-store operations. Nordstrom announces it will be closing its stores for at least two weeks.
- **March 17:** President Trump invokes the 1950 Defense Production Act to help make up for potential medical supply shortages and deploy two hospital ships as the U.S. battles the coronavirus pandemic.
- **March 18:** Congress passes its second COVID-19 response measure including sick leave provisions and making testing for the virus free.

MARCH 19–24

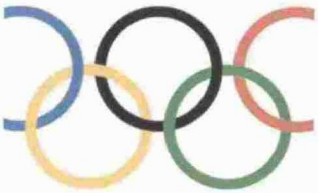


» SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERS BEGIN

- **March 19:** California is first to announce state-wide shelter-in-place mandate.
- New York state and Connecticut announce statewide sequesters. Illinois announces shelter in place commencing March 21.
- **March 24:** Stay-at-home orders are mandated in 17 states and in specific areas of 10 additional states by March 24, with more than 167 million people affected.

MARCH 24

- The International Olympic Committee postpones the 2020 summer games in Tokyo to 2021.
- Yellowstone, Grand Teton and Great Smoky Mountain national parks close joining the Statue of Liberty, Yosemite, Rocky Mountains and Alcatraz national parks.



MARCH 26–27

» U.S. SURPASSES CHINA AND ITALY

- **March 26:** The total number of worldwide cases passes 500,000.
- United States becomes the country with the most cases, surpassing China and Italy.
- **March 27:** U.S. House of Representatives approves $2.2 trillion stimulus package and President Trump signs it into law.

MARCH 29–31

- **March 29:** Deaths from the virus in New York State pass 1,200 and a portion of Central Park is turned into a field hospital, as space in regular hospitals runs out. Hospital ship USNS Comfort arrives at Pier 90 in New York Harbor.
- **March 31:** U.S. cases pass 165,000. Deaths worldwide pass 38,000.
- Dr. Anthony Fauci, the United State's leading expert on infectious diseases and member of the White House's coronavirus task force, predicts U.S. deaths at 100,000 to 200,000.

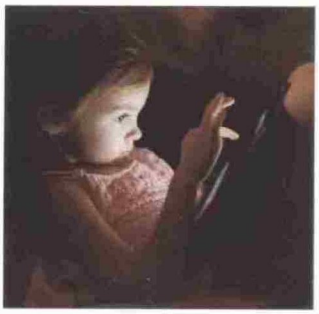
MARCH 25

» STIMULUS PACKAGE APPROVED

- U.S. Congress reaches agreement on a historic $2 trillion stimulus package to help jolt the economy in hopes of keeping it from falling into a recession or depression. Under the plan, individuals who earn $75,000 in adjusted gross income or less would get direct payments of $1,200 each, with married couples earning up to $150,000 receiving $2,400 — and an additional $500 per each child.

MARCH 29

- U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson releases a report based on communication from unnamed scientists suggesting that China could be under-reporting the number of coronavirus cases "by a factor of 15 to 40 times."
- President Trump extends social distancing guidelines through the end of April.



APRIL 1

» FOCUS ON EDUCATION

- With more than 55 million U.S. children out of school and the majority of schools attempting to offer education online, massive problem-solving is underway to try to keep the nation's education system running. Beyond the stress on families, the new reality of education has led districts to examine access to internet, equity among students and even privacy issues.

APRIL 1–2

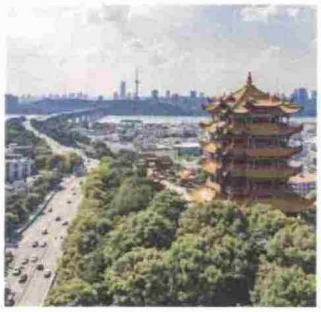
- **April 1:** Confirmed cases in U.S. tops 200,000.
- **April 2:** Unemployment claims increase 3,000 percent due to virus outbreak. Worldwide cases top 1 million doubling the number of cases from one week prior. More than 50,000 individuals have succumbed to the virus.

APRIL 4–7

- **April 4:** White House recommends the use of non-medical face masks to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19. Numerous groups and individuals sew handmade masks for those on the front lines as well as for general use.
- U.S. reports the greatest number of deaths in one day from the virus: 1,224 on April 4.
- **April 7:** Death toll in U.S. more than doubles in five days from 5,000 to more than 11,000.

APRIL 8–10

- **April 8:** Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation lowered their estimated deaths in the U.S., through August, from about 82,000 to 60,415. Wuhan, China, the city where the pandemic began, ends its 76-day lockdown.
- **April 9:** U.S. Department of Labor announces the second largest number of initial unemployment claims in history. Canada's Federal Statistic Agency saw the largest loss of jobs in a single month since the records began in 1976, pushing Canada's unemployment rate to 7.8 percent.
- **April 10:** Global death toll passes 100,000 people.



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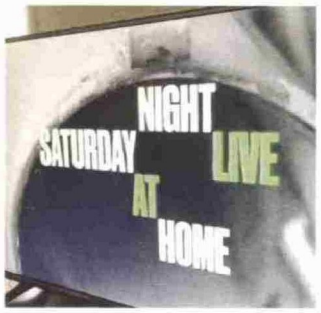
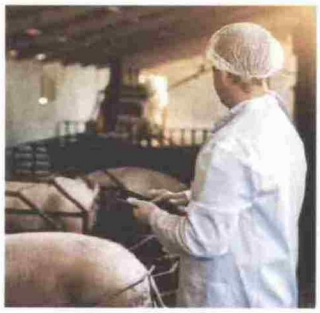
- Tom Hanks hosts *Saturday Night Live* from home. Talk show hosts, including Jimmy Fallon, Jimmy Kimmel and Ellen Degeneres, are recording shows from home and interviewing guests remotely.



APRIL 13

- One of the country's largest pork processing facilities in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, closes for at least two weeks because a large number of employees have fallen sick. Company CEO says this closure along with others in the country is, "pushing our country perilously close to the edge in terms of our meat supply."
- Daily number of deaths from the disease dropped two days in a row giving hope that the worst might be over, but experts warn that different states will see different peaks.

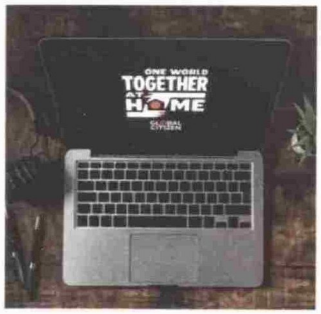


APRIL 14–16

- **April 14:** U.S. and Canada hold talks on an agreement to keep the land border closed between the two countries to non-essential travel for at least another few weeks.
- **April 15:** Total worldwide cases pass the 2 million mark with more than 600,000 in the United States and more than 27,000 in Canada.
- **April 16:** President Trump releases his guidelines for how the nation should move forward with re-opening the economy. Several groups of governors, on the East Coast, West Coast and in the Midwest, form their own coalitions.

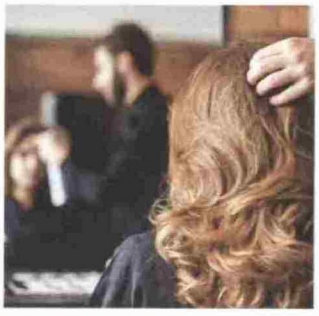
APRIL 18

- One World: Together at Home concert is broadcast on all major TV networks and streamed digitally on social media and other digital channels. The concert was sponsored by Global Citizen to support the WHO. Headliner Lady Gaga helped organize the event, which included appearances by celebrities such as Alicia Keys, Amy Poehler, Camila Cabello, Céline Dion, Ellen DeGeneres, Lupita Nyong'o, Oprah Winfrey, Pharrell Williams, the Rolling Stones, Sam Smith, Shawn Mendes, Taylor Swift and more.



APRIL 20–21

- **April 20:** Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp announces an accelerated plan to reopen businesses such as hair salons, tattoo parlors and bowling alleys beginning on April 24. He also ended the state's shelter in place order on April 30, although it had been set to expire later in May.
- **April 21:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention chief Robert Redfield warns that the pandemic could be much worse in the upcoming winter.

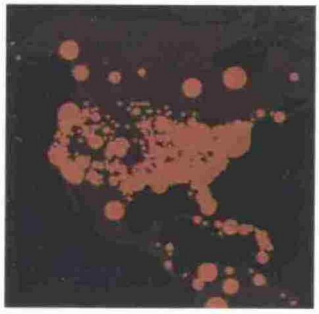


APRIL 23–24

- **April 23:** United States death toll passes 50,000.
- **April 24:** White House announces Operation America Strong. To honor America's health care workers, the Air Force Thunderbirds and the Navy's Blue Angels fly over major American cities in the coming weeks.

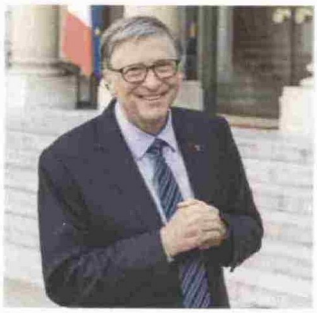
APRIL 28

- U.S. passes the one million mark for known COVID-19 cases.
- President Trump signs an executive order under the Defense Production Act to compel meat processing plants to remain open during the coronavirus pandemic.



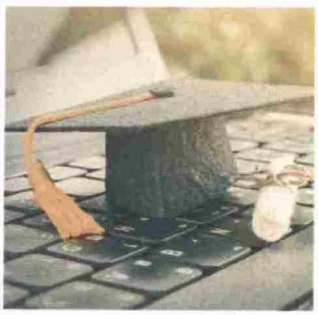
APRIL 30

- Dr. Anthony Fauci, NIAID Director, tells reporters at the White House that the antiviral drug remdesivir, "has a clear-cut, significant, positive effect in diminishing the time to recovery."
- Bill Gates announces that he expects there to be a safe and effective vaccine within 18 months, and possibly as quickly as nine.



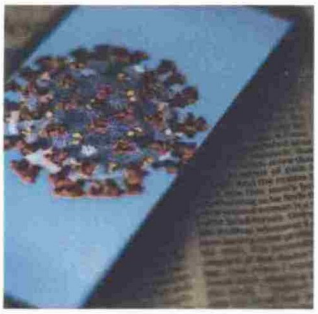
MAY 1–3

- **May 1:** Amid protests in some cities, as many as 35 states begin to lift business closures, with many including a phased approach. California's shelter-in-place order still has no end date leading to protests over closed beaches and businesses.
- **May 3:** Actor John Krasinski hosts a virtual graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 on his YouTube show, SGN (Some Good News). The ceremony included celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey, Jon Stewart, Steven Spielberg and Malala Yousafzai. Krasinski had also hosted a virtual prom on April 17.



MAY 4

- The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington releases an updated forecast model estimating 134,000 people will die of COVID-19 in the United States, which is nearly double its previous prediction.

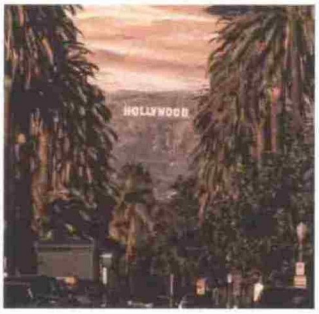


MAY 5

- The leading epidemiologist who advised the UK government on the coronavirus response, professor Neil Ferguson, resigns from his government post after a newspaper reports he broke lockdown rules.

MAY 7

- The new Tom Hanks film, "Greyhound," which was set to be released May 7 has been moved to June 19, and will be released directly to the public through Apple's streaming service. Other big-budget movies with delayed releases include: "Wonder Woman 1984," "Marvel's Black Widow," James Bond flick, "No Time to Die" and "Mulan." Nearly 60 movies slated for a 2020 release had been rescheduled, according to a March 31 "Vanity Fair" report.



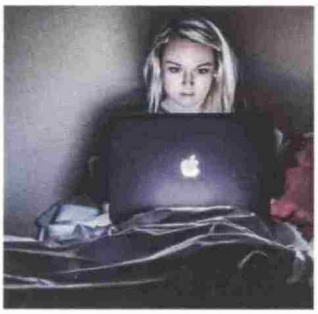
MAY 8–11

- **May 8:** April's official U.S. jobless rate climbs to 14.7 percent. This is the highest unemployment rate since the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics started tracking the monthly data in 1948.
- **May 9:** After opening the beaches to the public, the state of Florida closes them once again, saying people weren't following social distancing guidelines.
- **May 11:** MLB owners make a proposal to the players' union that could lead to the coronavirus-delayed season starting around the Fourth of July weekend without fans.

MAY 12

- Testifying before Congress, Dr. Anthony Fauci warns senators that cities and states could face serious consequences if they open up too quickly. He recommended states not reopen until they were sure they had the capabilities to handle an inevitable uptick in cases from relaxed stay-at-home orders.

MAY 14–16



- Two graduation specials honor graduates: CNN's "Class of 2020: In This Together" and LeBron James' "Graduate Together: America Honors the High School Class of 2020." Celebrity guests included Bill Clinton, Barack Obama, Alex Rodriguez, Gal Gadot, Amy Schumer, Mark Foster, Megan Rapinoe, Bad Bunny and others.

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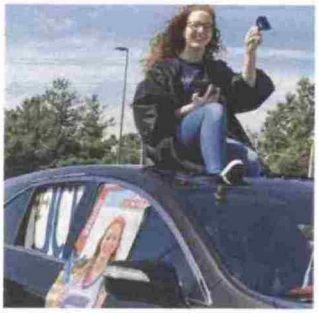
MAY 17–19

- **May 17:** Chinese officials quarantine 8,000 people in the northeast part of the country after a cluster of new infections is reported.
- **May 18:** Phase one clinical trials for a new vaccine from drug company Moderna show positive results and the vaccine enters the second, expanded phase of testing, according to the manufacturer. Moderna is one of eight developers worldwide doing human clinical trials with a vaccine against the novel coronavirus.
- **May 19:** Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announces that by mutual agreement, the border between the U.S. and Canada will remain closed to nonessential travel until at least June 21.

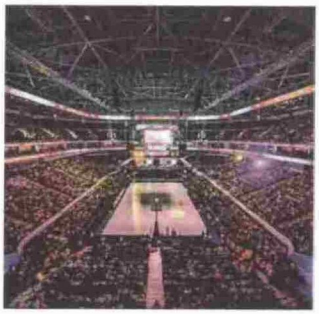
MAY 24–25

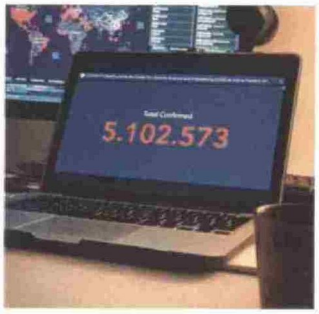
- **May 24:** While families and schools across the country find ways to celebrate their seniors with yard signs and car parades, Herff Jones adds innovative options like drive-thru distributions, virtual yearbook signing parties and virtual graduations to recognize their milestones.
- **May 25:** The World Health Organization puts a temporary pause on its trials of hydroxychloroquine as a treatment for COVID-19, following an observational study of the drug and its effects on COVID-19 patients who have been hospitalized.



MAY 29

- The NBA considers return-to-play scenarios. Commissioner Adam Silver presented four options — ranging from a shortened 72-game season to a 16-team playoff only — for owners to decide on before approaching the players union. Silver is targeting a July 31 restart.





MAY 21–22

- **May 21:** Columbia University releases a study, funded in part by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the Morris-Singer Foundation, indicating that roughly 36,000 deaths could have been avoided if broad social distancing measures that began March 15 had started March 8.
- **May 22:** Brazil surpasses Russia with the second highest number of cases, following the United States. Dr. Michael Ryan, executive director of the World Health Organization's emergencies program, says during a news briefing that South America is becoming "a new epicenter."

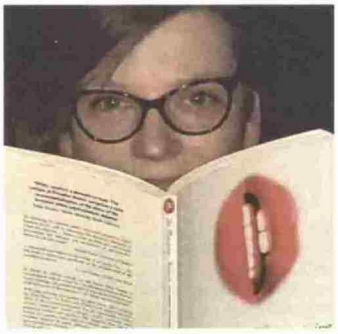
MAY 27

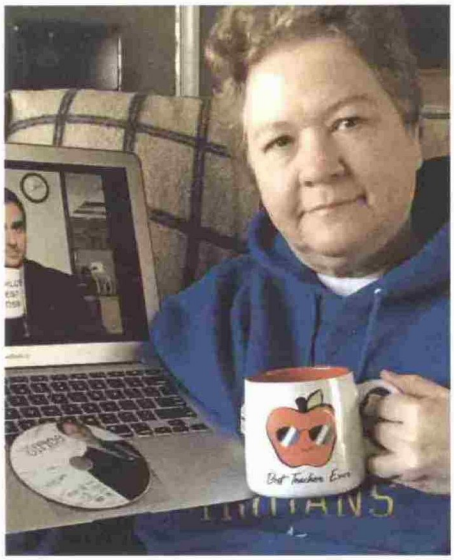
- Walt Disney World in Florida, one of the largest tourist sites in the world, announces its plan to reopen, with restrictions, starting on July 11. Visitors will be required to wear masks and will not be allowed to hug Mickey Mouse.
- United States passes the grim milestone of more than 100,000 recorded deaths from the virus, becoming the only country to pass such a mark. The number of deaths in China was a disputed figure as there is no open press.

MAY 30–31

- Details surrounding the death of George Floyd bring thousands out across the country to protest police brutality. This came as many states were beginning to lift stay-at-home orders. Protesters emerged despite the risks, many of them wearing face coverings to protect themselves against COVID-19.

Carefully considering a life lesson, Mrs. Elsa Kluga encouraged her students to be resilient. Stopping to read Mrs. Julie Larson made some time for one of her favorite past times. By watching the reruns of "The Office," Mrs. Laura Johnson was able to relax and laugh. Taking advantage of her surroundings, Miss Ashley Sudar road her bike around her neighborhood between books.





resilience:
noun - the ability to be happy, successful again after Something difficult has happened
#missyou
#highlandproud

LESSONS LEARNED

These uncertain times have been not only a challenge for students, but for teachers. With unknown circumstances at hand, lack of motivation and ease when learning and in day to day life have emerged, proving difficult for many. Despite this, students and teachers alike pushed through the end of the semester.

The process of adapting to remote learning and the occurrence of a long "Coronacation" has been an unexpected experience for everyone, but teachers have been helping students and themselves build up resilience to get through this. Mrs. Molly Wagener said, "Adaptability and resilience during these unprecedented times are extremely important. Everyday life has changed so drastically during the pandemic. Students must get used to change and be able to adapt when necessary."

During the course of E-Learning, teachers had to adapt to this new way of teaching while still ensuring students were physically and mentally steady to finish out the year. "I tried to normalize things as much as I could for students during E-Learning, but I also acknowledged that being stuck at home and being afraid, anxious, stressed, frustrated or depressed during the pandemic were all normal feelings," Said Mrs. Molly Arroyo. "I encouraged kids to be resilient and flexible; to talk about their feelings and take care of their mental and physical health; to roll with the punches, since it was unprecedented and so unpredictable, and to continue to work hard and not give up so that they could finish strong." A good balance when planning online assignments was another thing teachers needed to consider. Mrs. Reese Ryzewski said, "I had to reflect on the notion of rigor for students. I knew my online lessons needed to challenge my students, but that it was equally important to also support my students when extenuating circumstances would arise."

Keeping both student and teacher on track during a time of great change can be hard. Simple motivation can definitely prove effective for some. Mrs. Megan Banashak said, "I thrive off consistency and having a schedule, as well as making lists. Every night I would make myself a daily "to do" list for the next day....these lists kept me consistent and on schedule. There is nothing more satisfying than crossing off items on a to do list so that kept me motivated and going. I also knew I owed it to my students to show up each day we had class with a lesson to keep them learning!" Skills in the classroom have also had time to improve for some. "I feel as if I strengthened my ability to teach remotely. I know it is not ideal, but the health and safety of students and staff is important. Teaching and learning math remotely is not ideal, but it can be done, and I was thankful for Edpuzzle, MathXL, as well as Google Classroom and Google Meet to help me deliver instruction and keep in contact with my students," Banashak said.

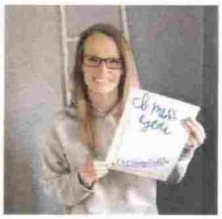
During this time of social distancing and remote learning, the time for activities that don't always fit into the schedule can more easily be accomplished. Mr. Brendan Ward said, "With my free time I dedicated time everyday to get better at guitar, an instrument I've played for a long time, but haven't gotten much better at in years. I also started running and am training for a half marathon in the fall!" For some teachers, being at home with family and continuing to teach did act as a challenge. Wagener said, "In the beginning online learning seemed much easier than being in the classroom. That soon changed. It was actually quite difficult to keep in touch with all students and provide the same curriculum I would be teaching in the classroom. It was also challenging to balance taking care of three children at home while my husband was working, but we did our best to get through it during those months."

The outlook of the fall semester is still unclear, but teachers are remaining strong and resilient for their students. No matter what is to come, our teachers will be ready to continue to educate and towards what is best for their students. *a. johnson*

Pleased with the teamwork that he had at home, Mr. Anthony Belli balanced his remote situation with his family. Taking advantage of his workspace, Mr. Malachi Mishler developed a fortress out of Legos that included a space for the members of his department. While looking ahead at her daily schedule, Mrs. Margaret Jensen enjoyed having her cat, Pepper as a companion for her work day.

Missing Our Students

Mr. David Markley, Fine Arts



Ms. Sherri Terrell, Math

Mrs. Amy Vezmar, Guidance

Miss Katie Gilmore, Physical Education

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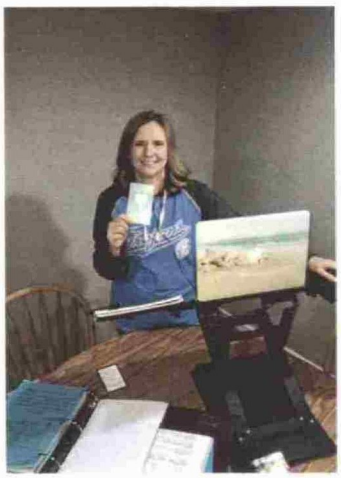
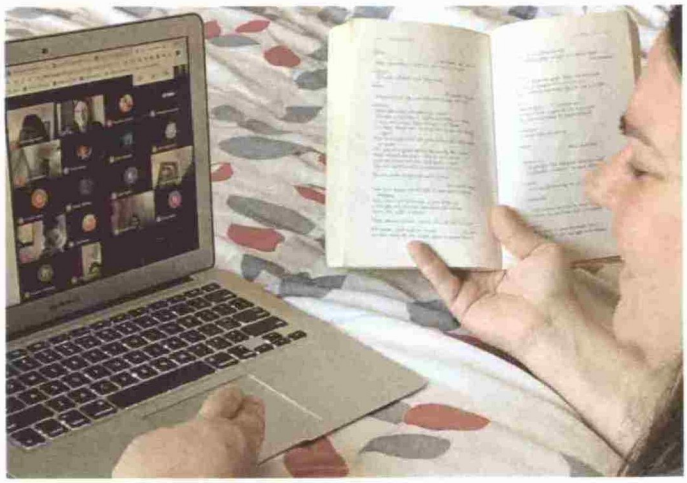
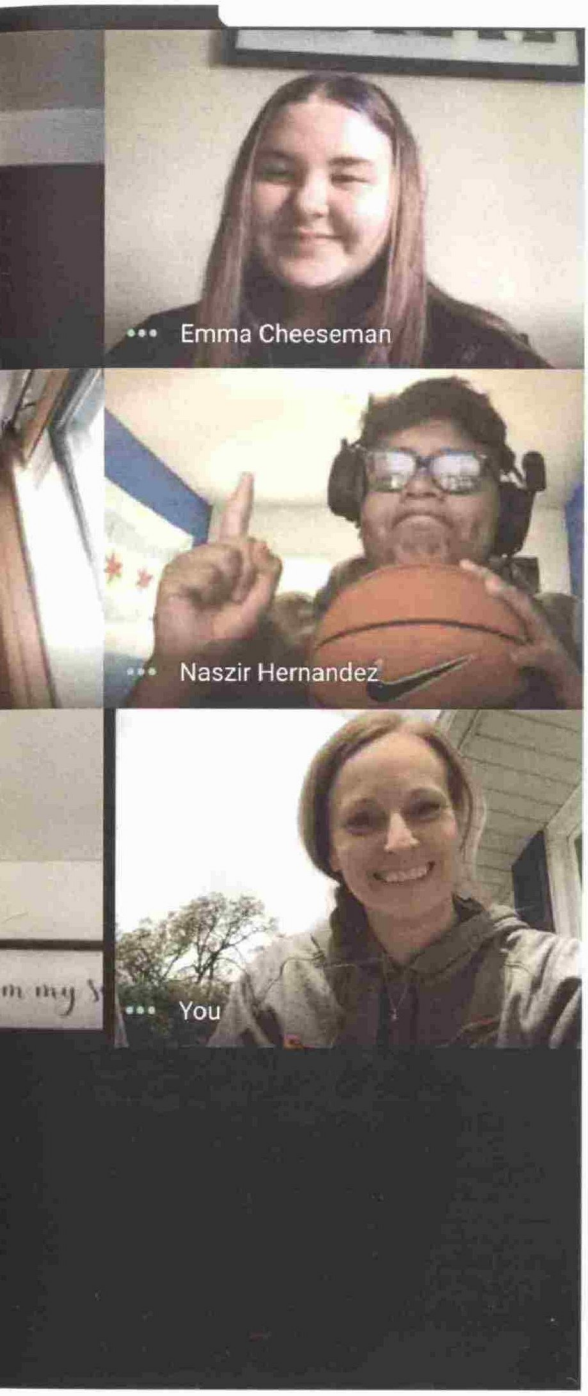
Taking advantage of the beautiful weather, Ms. Sherri Terrell spent her last day of school on her front porch with a group of her Geometry students. **Surrounded by** organized files for her caseload, Mrs. Rose Vis created a workspace at her dining room table where she could meet with students, staff and family members virtually. **Instead of discussing** a novel together in class, Mrs. Amanda Koulianos met with her students via Google Meet to elaborate on their assigned reading. **Taking time out** for self care, Mr. Joseph Rybarczyk was able to have his hot cup of coffee while making himself available to his students in his at home learning space.







TEACHERS online

With minimal notice teachers transitioned to delivering content digitally.

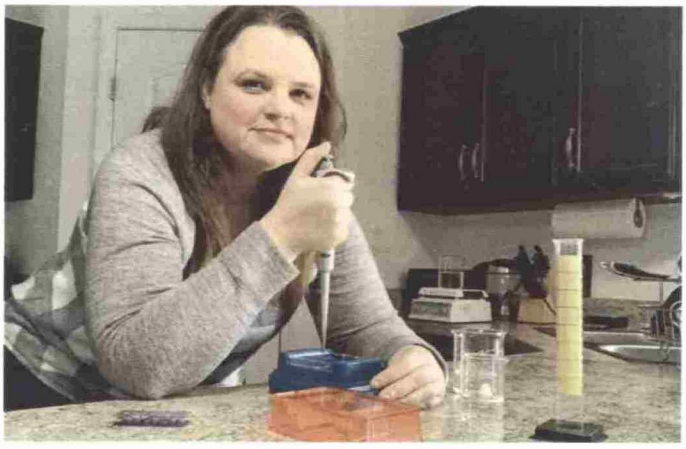
March 13, 2020 teachers gasped when they heard they would have to switch to online learning.

The intention was to return to in person instruction in April, however the year finished remotely. Some teachers posted worksheets in Google Classroom, some held Google Meets, others did a variety of tasks that would have never been a thought if we were in the classroom. Mrs. Nicole Weber had to step outside of the box for her classes.

"I [had to make] a video of the lab for my Principles of Biomedical Science class of me pipetting DNA into a gel electrophoresis chamber which is used to create DNA fingerprints," Weber said.

Many found themselves in situations of doing things they had never done while others felt right at home.

Ms. Sherri Terrell said, "After running a version of a flipped classroom all year, my Geometry students experienced minimal changes to their curriculum presentation. Other than not being in the classroom my lesson plans experienced very minimal changes."



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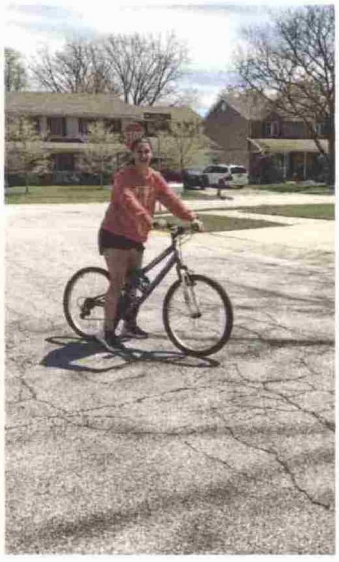
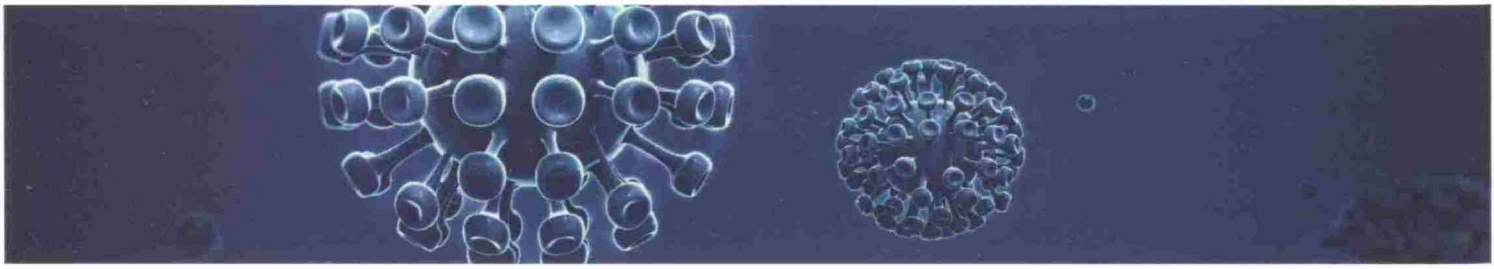
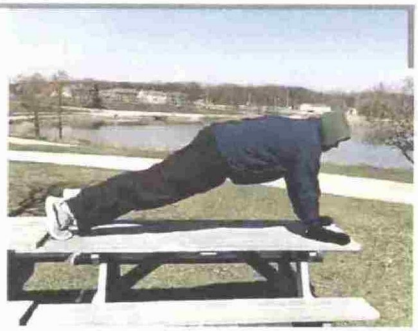


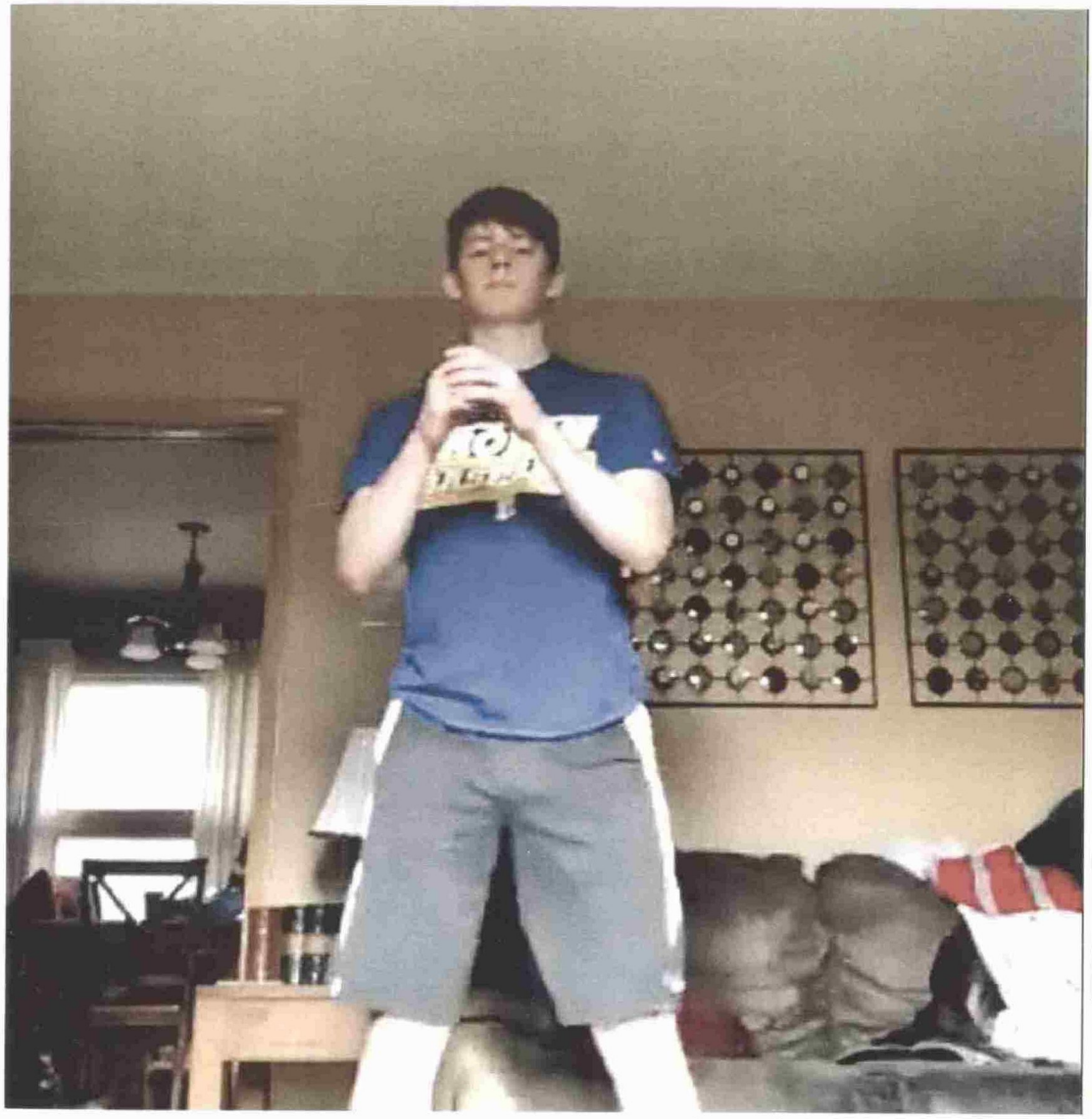
While looking at the possible cancellation of the softball season, cousins Ariel Cassel (11) and Mia Rivera (9) take a photo opportunity in their uniform. **With an effort to** honor the senior baseball players, Coach John Bogner celebrated the six players for their contributions to Highland Baseball. **Looking for** a way to stay active Angelica Castillo (10) used her bicycle for some cardiovascular activity.



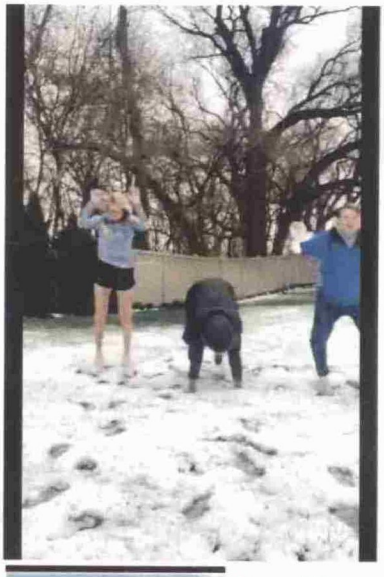
By watching the athletic challenges on Twitter, Emily Price (11) recruited her family members to join along.

Caught in the spirit of #cantstopHHS, Mr. Edward Polowski, Elementary Physical Education teacher not only found himself participating on Twitter but also encouraged his students participate as well.





On April 13, 2020 the School Town of Highland commenced the Battle of the Bridge with rival School Town of Munster. Students, staff and community member participated in planks, lunges, jumping jacks and more to secure rights to the bridge. Unfortunately, Highland was on the losing side of the battle.



Reaching for the ceiling Matthew Gonzales (11) completed squat jumps to add points for Highland.

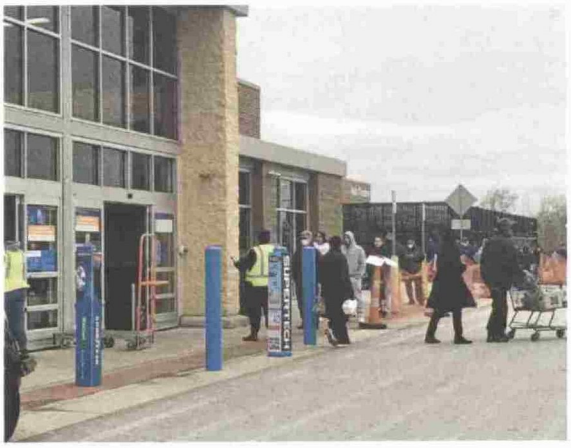
#Battleofthebridge
Final Score

583

551

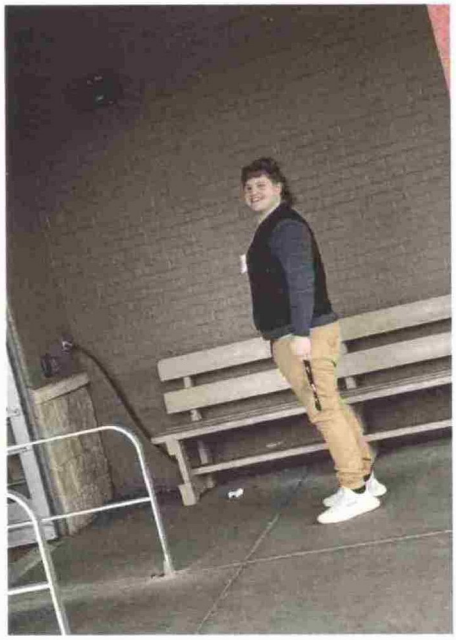
Surrounded by snow Carly Rabb (10) and Connor Rabb (10) joined by their older sister, a Highland graduate, earned bonus points for their burpees in the snow. **Taking time out** for some 200 meter sprints Lucas Guerra (11) continued to work towards his athletic goals.

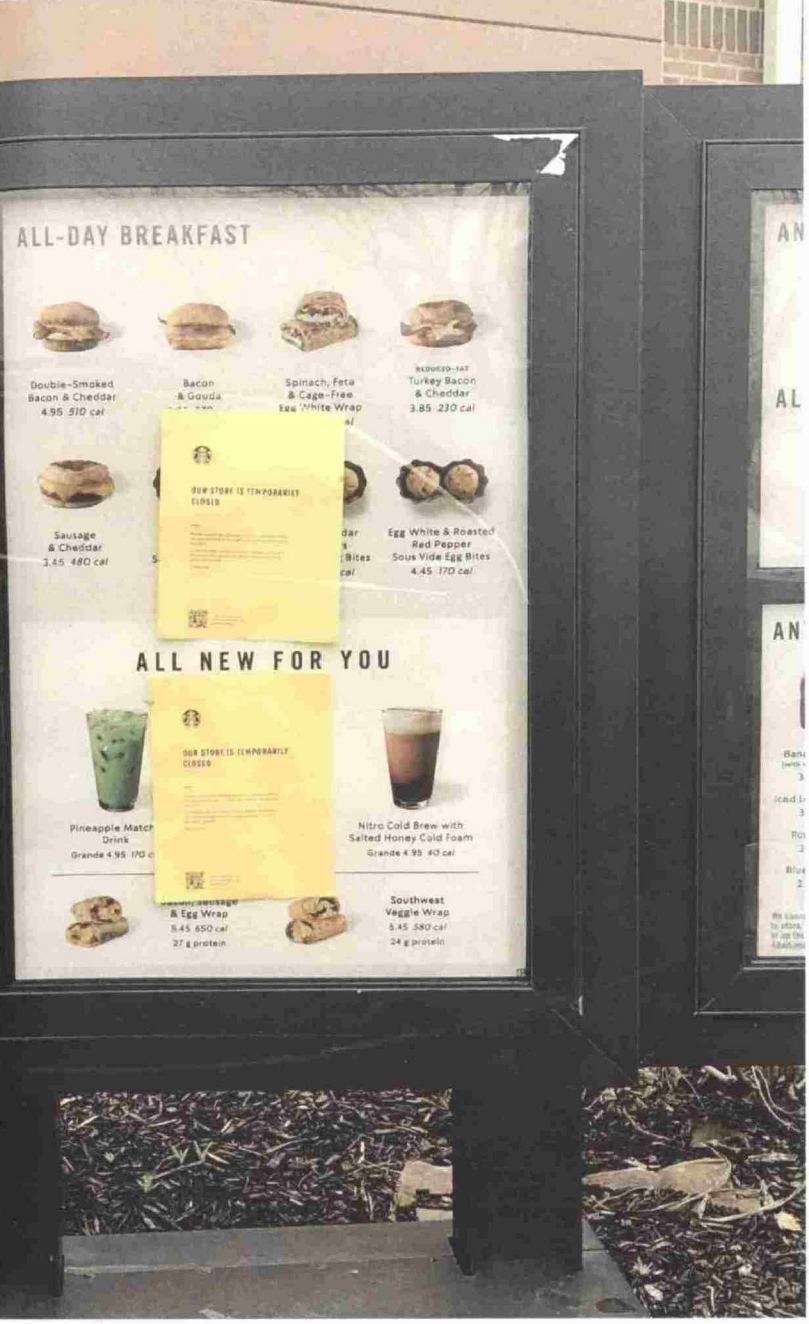
Moving away from normalcy, businesses such as Walmart located in Hammond, Indiana maintained safety procedures by closing one of its entrances. Employees were only able to allow a specific number of customers through their doors at one given time which led to a line of socially distant customers.



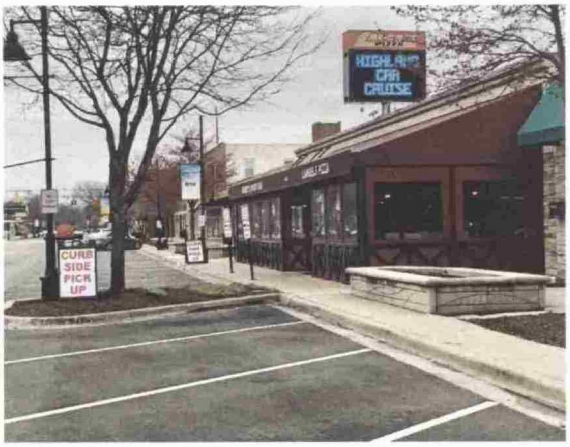
IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY

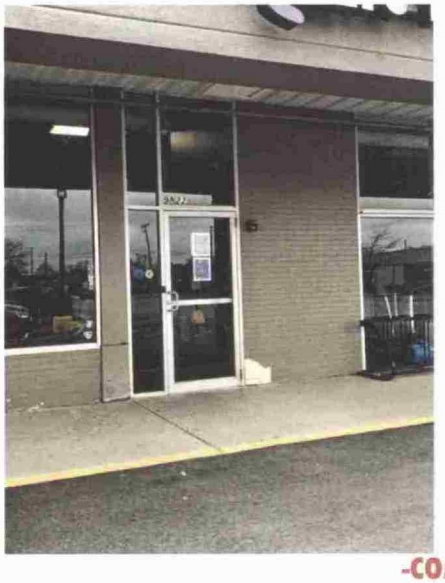
On his way into work as a bagger Michael Ii (12) was seen at the start of his eight hour shift at the Highland Strack & Vantils. Grocery stores were considered essential and employees were required to come to work. Companies such as Meijer in Highland, Indiana required social distancing for its shopping guests, and even placed markings on the floor as well as directed traffic through the aisles.




ALL-DAY BREAKFAST
Double-Smoked Bacon & Cheddar
4.95 510 cal
Bacon & Gouda
Spinach, Feta & Cage-Free Egg White Wrap
Reduced-Fat Turkey Bacon & Cheddar
3.85 230 cal
Sausage & Cheddar
3.45 480 cal
Egg White & Roasted Red Pepper Sous Vide Egg Bites
4.45 170 cal
OUR STORE IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED
ALL NEW FOR YOU
Pineapple Matcha Drink
Grande 4.95 170 cal
Nitro Cold Brew with Salted Honey Cold Foam
Grande 4.95 40 cal
Southwest Veggie Wrap
5.45 580 cal
24 g protein

In a desperate attempt to follow guidelines provided by the CDC, companies such as Starbucks closed some of it's stores including the Hammond location on Indianapolis Boulevard completely during the pandemic. **With an effort to** keep individuals safe, Les Cafe Restaurant and Pancake House in downtown Highland switched to carryouts only per the direction of Governor Eric Holcomb. **Unable to** open its doors due to the pandemic, Langel's located in downtown Highland offered curbside pickup for customers.

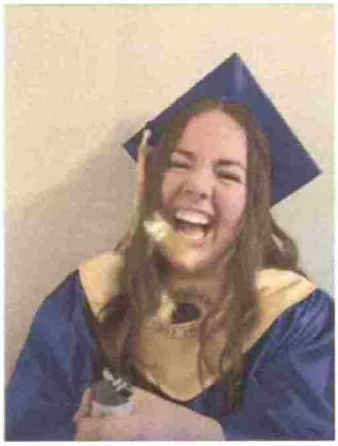


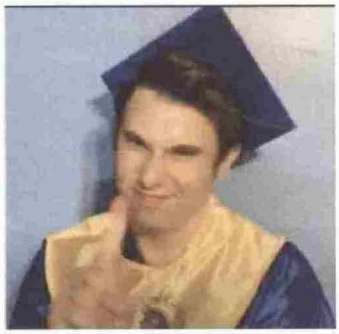


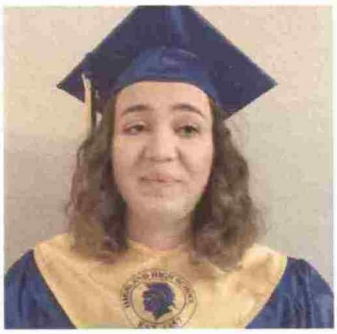
Rarely seen without members in it's facility, Planet Fitness located in Hammond, Indiana was unable to open their doors. Local fitness facilities such as the Highland Lincoln Center, Anytime Fitness, Orange Theorey, Omni 41 Health & Fitness Connection were temporarily closed leaving members to maintain their level of fitness from home.

GRADUATION SPEECHES

Seniors auditioned virtually to be a speaker for graduation. At the time, none of the students knew graduation would be virtual.



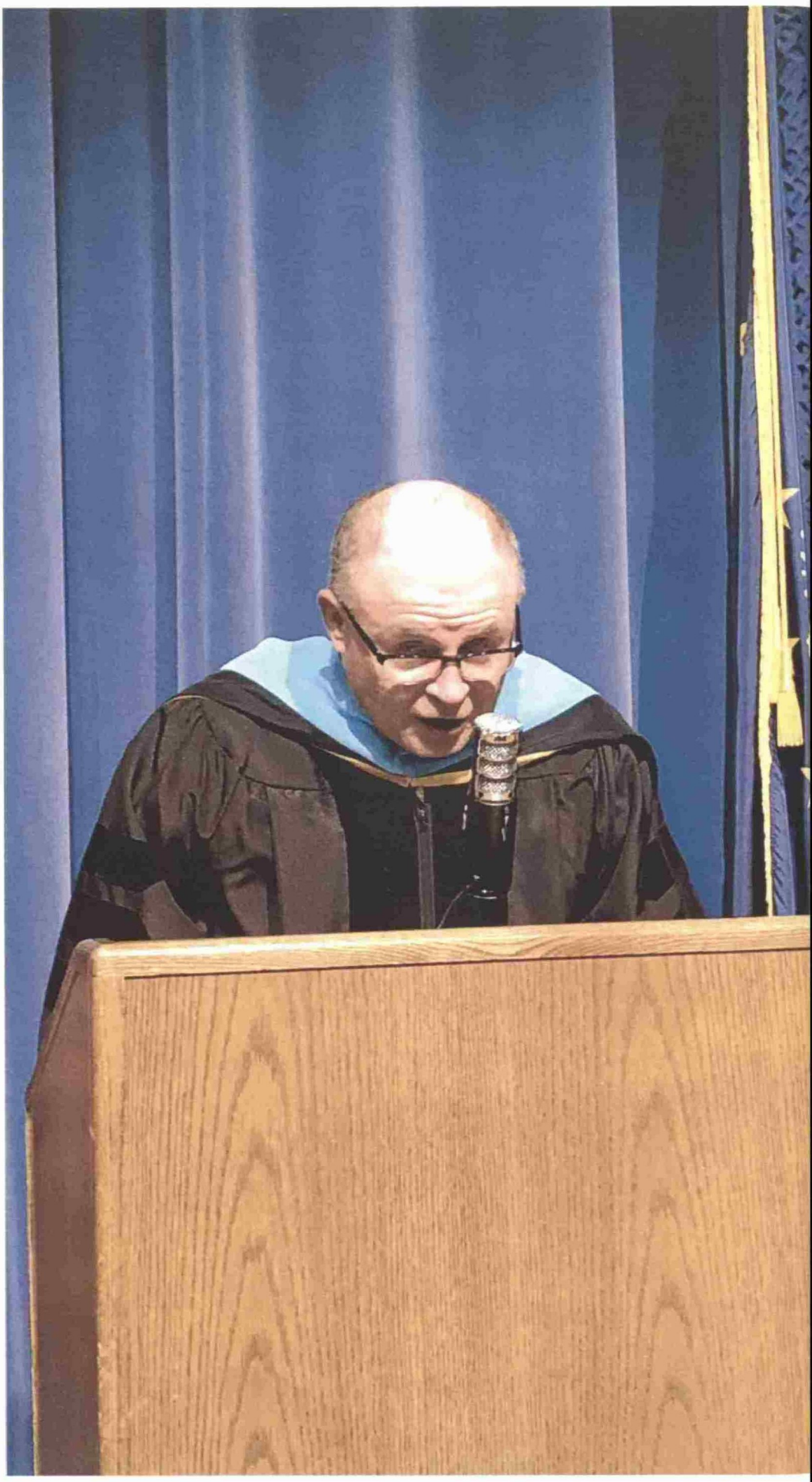




Out of 253 graduates, six members were chosen to speak for the 60th graduating class of Highland High School. While graduates only believed their audition would be recorded, their final words were shared via virtual graduation.

While Abigail Acres (12) ended her message with laughter and confetti, Amanda Hoffman (12) apologized for the senior class "single handedly taking over the wifi."

The virtual setting allowed for a sense of comfort when presenting their message to the class but did not limit the ability to share fond memories and amazing feats with their classmates.



GRADUATION GOES VIRTUAL

With the guidelines that Governor Eric Holcomb put in place for the safety of the State of Indiana, Highland High School administration opted to host commencement virtually.

Despite hopes that a traditional graduation could be held on the scheduled date, Dr. Patrick Weil decided it would be best to proceed in a manner that followed recommendations from the state.

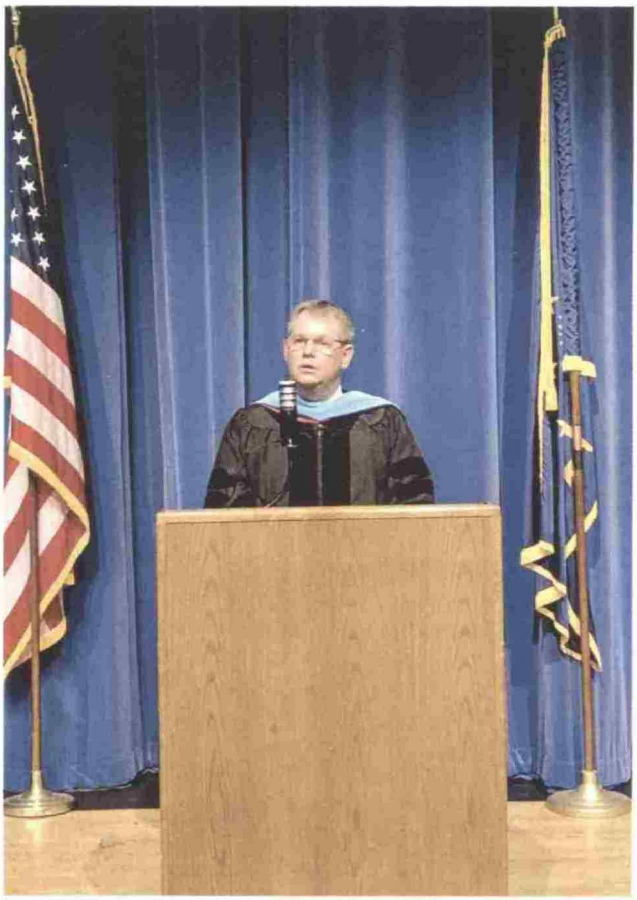
With a strict time line to develop a virtual program, a graduation committee formed quickly.

A highlight of the video submissons was a recording of the Varsity Choir under the direction of Mr. David Markley.

Erica Lopez (12) said, "the performace was astonishing and well put together."

Families were able to view the ceremony, senior slide show, teacher send offs and senior song in the comfort of their own home and on their own time. In addition, components of the ceremony will be viewable on YouTube for years to come. *h. jones*

Instead of speaking publicly to an auditorium full of graduates, staff and family members, Dr. Patrick Weil had his speech to the Class of 2020 recorded in Monbeck Auditorium.



Unable to host a traditional graduation ceremony, Mr. Brian Smith, Superintendent recorded his speech where he gave the Class of 2020 one more homework assignment. "Take a moment to privately thank your parents, family and support system," said Smith as he has told the previous six graduating classes.

THIS SPREAD BROUGHT TO YOU BY

top TEN activities while school was out

1. What I binge watched:
2. Song I played on repeat:
3. Games I played on my phone:
4. Restaurants I DoorDashed:
5. Favorite TikTok I watched:
6. Number of TikToks I made:
7. Favorite YouTube tutorial I watched:
8. What I bought online:
9. Insta-polls I created:
10. Who I texted most:

YOUR THOUGHTS ON CORONAVIRUS

WHAT I WATCHED

OR CHEER

OR ALL AMERICAN / OUTERBANKS

OR THE FLASH

OR 13 REASONS WHY / RIVERDALE

LIVING WITH COVID-19

Local Target shelves on Saturday, March 14 after announcement of school closures and restrictions on gatherings of 100 or more people. The scene at a Starbucks in Cupertino that remained open for pick up orders only on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Searching for an alternate to hand shakes and high fives, individuals opted to elbow instead.

-STUDENT OPINION-

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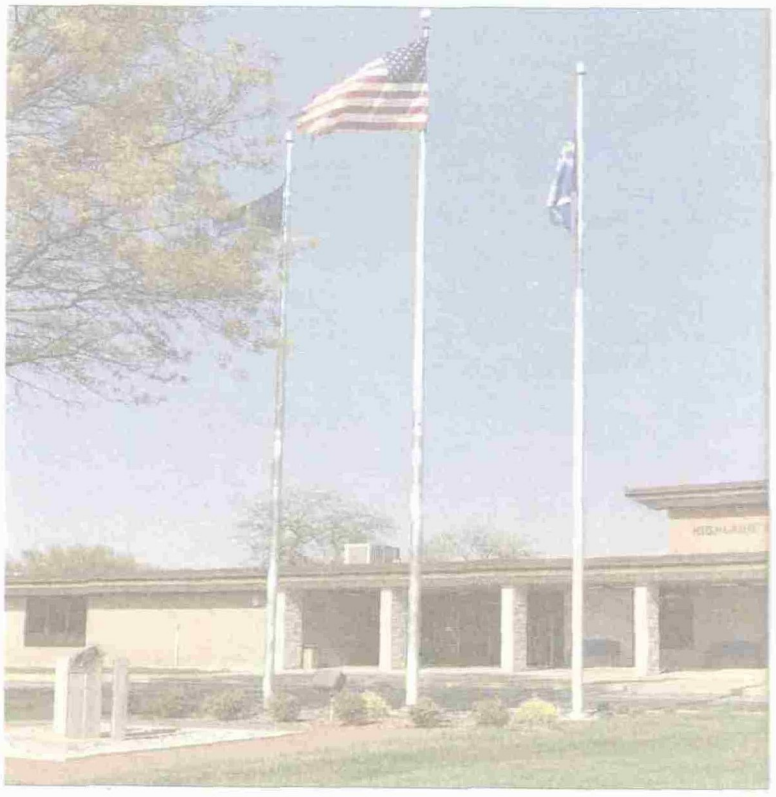

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MOST OUTGOING
Margaret McQuillan (12) and
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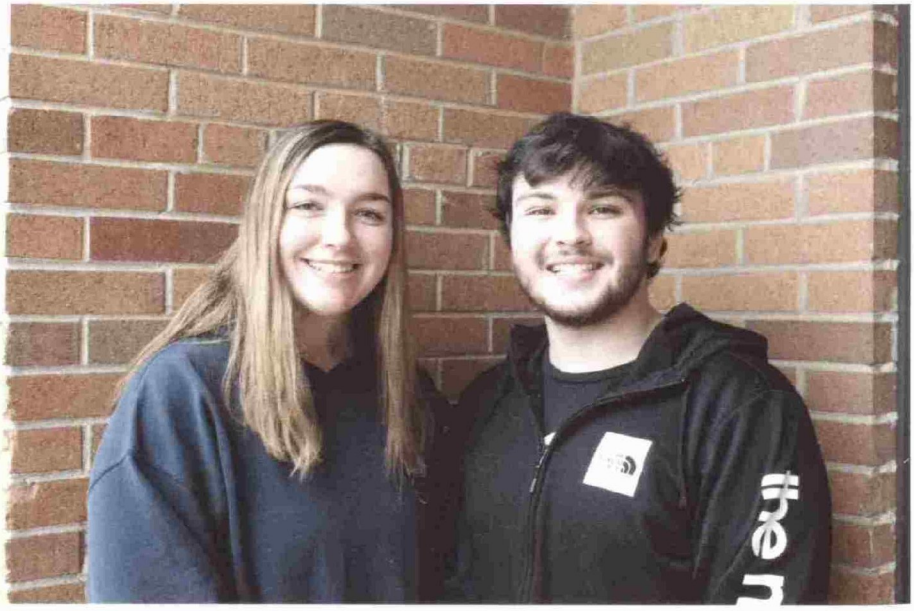

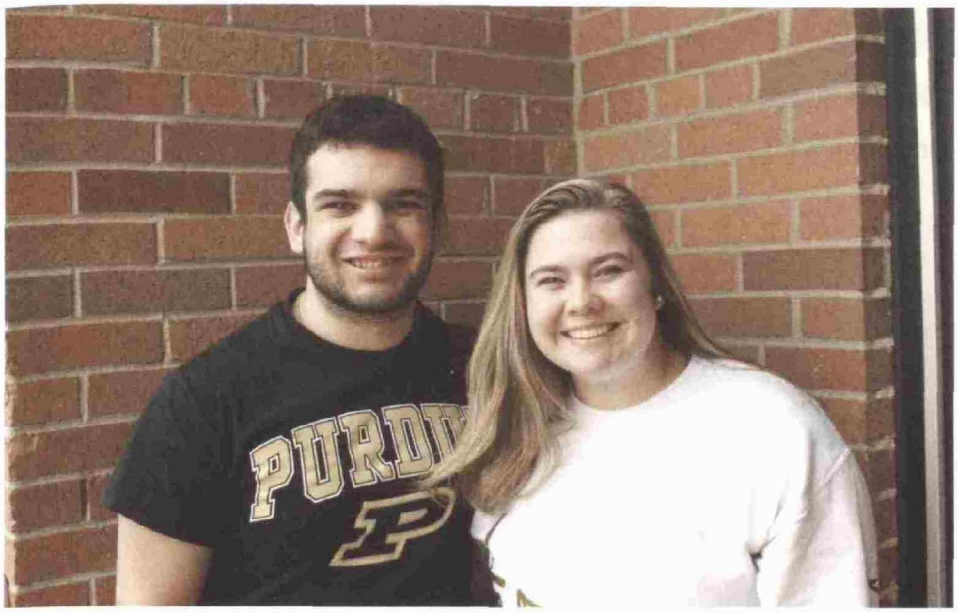

MOST LIKELY TO BE LATE
Miyah Hinkel (12)
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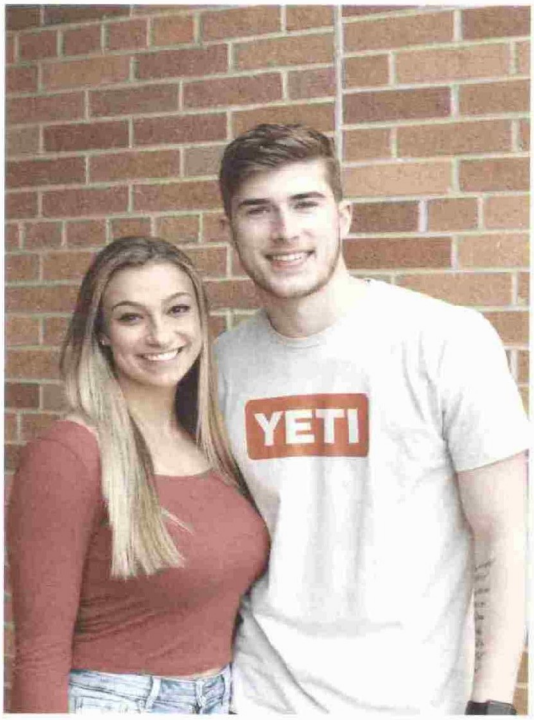
CLASS CLOWN
Hailey Childress (12),
Alexia Vargas (12),
and Matthew Rebey (12)



BEST LOOKING
Jessica Hanson (12)
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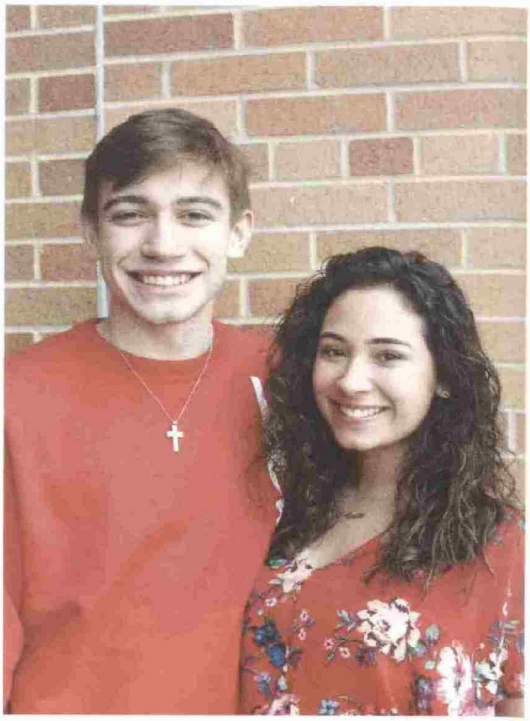
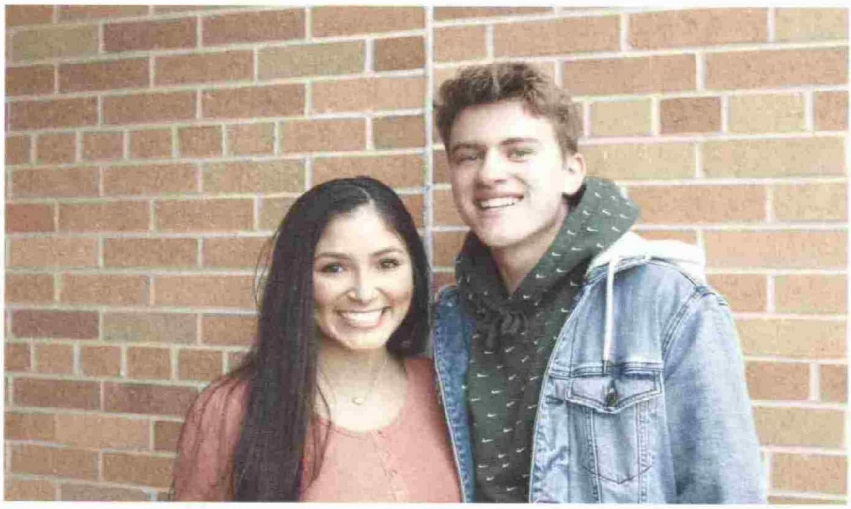


BIGGEST FLIRT
Elena Figueroa (12)
and Andrew Cison (12)



CUTEST COUPLE
Alicia Serna (12)
and Benjamin Strode (12)

BEST LAUGH
Amanda Cruse (12)
and Orlando Avila (12)

MOST ATHLETIC
Olivia Gibson (12)
and Samuel Perez Jr (12)

MOST LIKELY TO BECOME PRESIDENT
Brianna Dewey (12)
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BEST SMILE
Alissa Almaguer (12)
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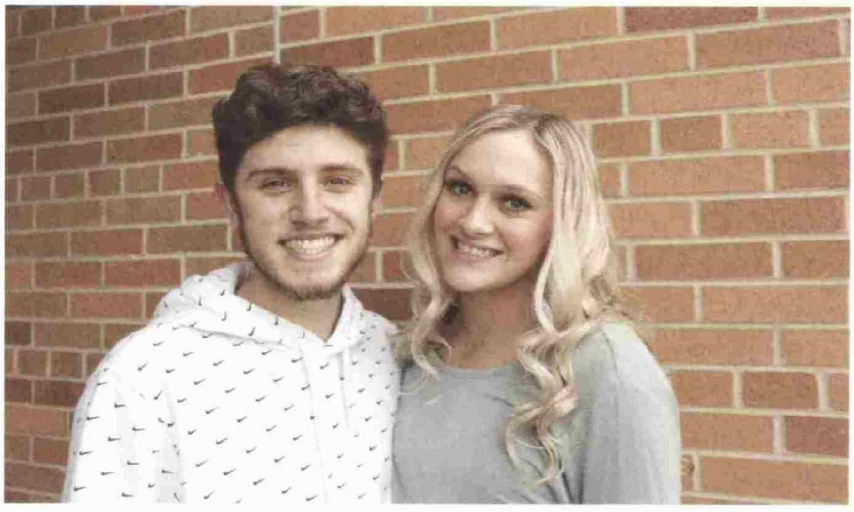

BEST EYES
Cloe Schipper (12)
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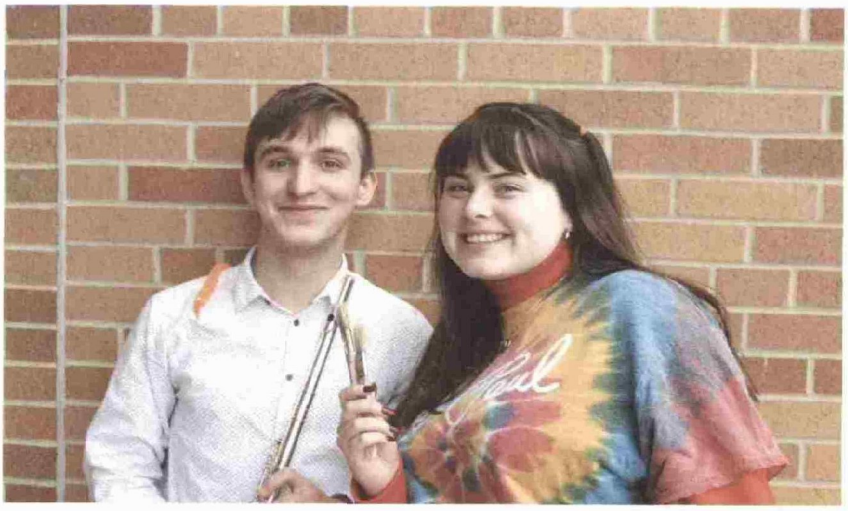


MOST CREATIVE
Kayleigh Ferguson (12)
and Phillip Bock (12)

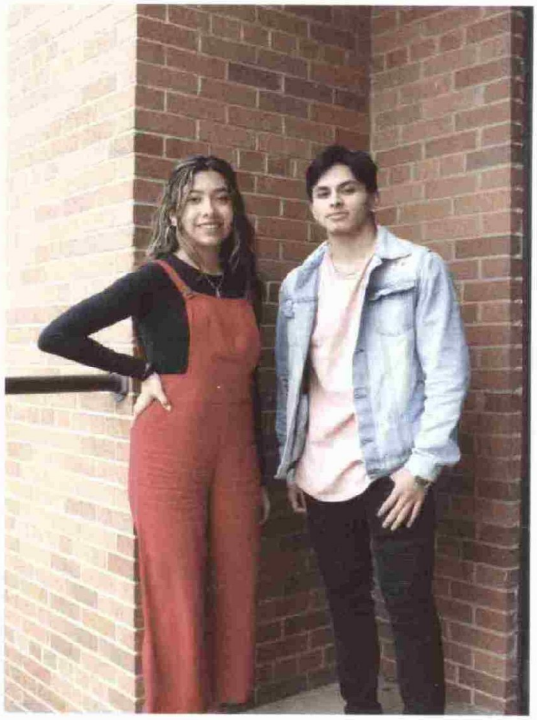
BEST PERSONALITY
Abigail Acres (12)
and Colin Barsich (12)

MOST CHANGED SINCE 9TH GRADE
Elise Gluth (12)
and Jacob Domagalski (12)

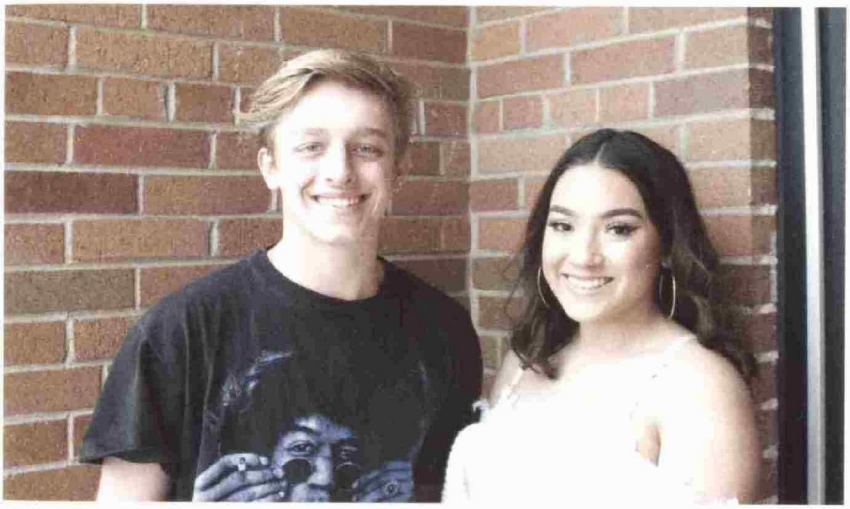
MOST TALENTED
Erin Perry (12)
and Hayden Greathouse (12)

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT
Hallie Ryzewski (12)
and Justin Bogner (12)

BEST DRESSED
Jaquelyne Arellano (12)
and Xavier Arce (12)



MOST LIKELY TO BECOME FAMOUS
Aylin Chavez (12)
and Tristen Hendricks (12)



BEST HAIR
Grace Girman (12)
and Michael Ii (12)

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GIRLS GOLF

Varsity Record: 4-7

Hobart	225/219	L
Lowell	218/183	L
Kankakee Valley	248/180	L
Griffith	221/237	W
Valparaiso	CANCELED	
Munster	248/184	L
Andrean	217/246	W
Chesterton	248/202	L
Lake Central	251/176	L
Munster	251/176	L
Bishop Noll	217/233	W
Hanover	230/DQ	W
Merrillville	CANCELED	
Boone Grove	CANCELED	
Wheeler	CANCELED	

Row 1: Adeline Hamstra , Alexis Whitehead , Clarissa Koutz, Olivia Smith, Miyah Hinkel, Coach Dan Richardson

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

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Row 1: Maria Mcdonald, Ariana Salazar , Alina Wilson , Nina Koutz, Morgan Juarez, Miranda Bates. Row 2: Couch Rob Lukowski, Amber Sobkowicz, Olivia Skertich, Lindsay Modjeski, Marissa Gibson, Coach Cunningham. Row 3: Danielle Rubalcaba, Kyla Gamez, Mira Handley, Grace Aurand, Lillian Kosior, Catheryn Markus

Varsity

Dave Walker Invitational: 3rd
Rudy Skorupa Invitational: 5th
West Lafayette Harrison Raider Invitaional : 14th
Bob Thomas Intitational: 10th
NCC Conference: 3rd
IHSAA Sectionals: 3rd
IHSAA Regional: 5th
IHSAA Semi-State: 15th

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Varsity

Dave Walker Invitational: 7th
Rudy Skorupa Invitational: 5th
West Lafayette Harrison Raider: 18th
Bob Thomas Invitational: 10th
NCC Conference: 4th
IHSAA Sectionals: 3rd
IHSAA Regional: 6th

Row 1: Christopher Amador, Garrett Lewis, Mateo Garcia, Caden Andreatta, Zachary Shrivillini, Alexander Salazar II, Alejandro Miranda. Row 2: Coach Rob Lukowski, James Tugerson Jr, Joshua Cox, Julian Gray, Austin Ridderhoff, Nicholas Shamel, Marissa Gibson, Coach Cunningham. Row 3: Colin Gomez, Benjamin Ayon, Lucas Guerra, Maximus Campos, Nicholas Markus, Josiah Wildman, Benjamin Salinas, Satyavsh Arya

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FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

1-6-1 Record

Whiting	8-8	T
Morton	40-20	L
Crown Point	24-7	L
West Side	CANCELED	
Laf. Jefferson	50-0	L
Munster	0-13	W
Lowell	33-7	L
Hobart	33-23	L
Kankakee Valley	41-0	L
Andrean	CANCELED	

Row 1: Cristina Franco (mgr.), Zachary Panozzo, David Pineda, Armando Ortega, Madison Langdon (mgr.), Row 2: Matthew Izaguirre, Mustapha Salman, Phoenix Wells, Jack Nelson, Leonardo Luviano, Row 3: Brandi Gerenda (mgr.), Coach Nikko Berrios, Ryan Heady, Calley Belloso, Joshua Laviolette, Coach Matt Bugajski, Coach Craig Roggenbuck, Row 4: Hunter Mason, Alexander Schmidt, Wilfred Akanbi, Kevin Cook, Matthew Szromba, Luke Abell, Maximus Smith

VARSITY & JV FOOTBALL

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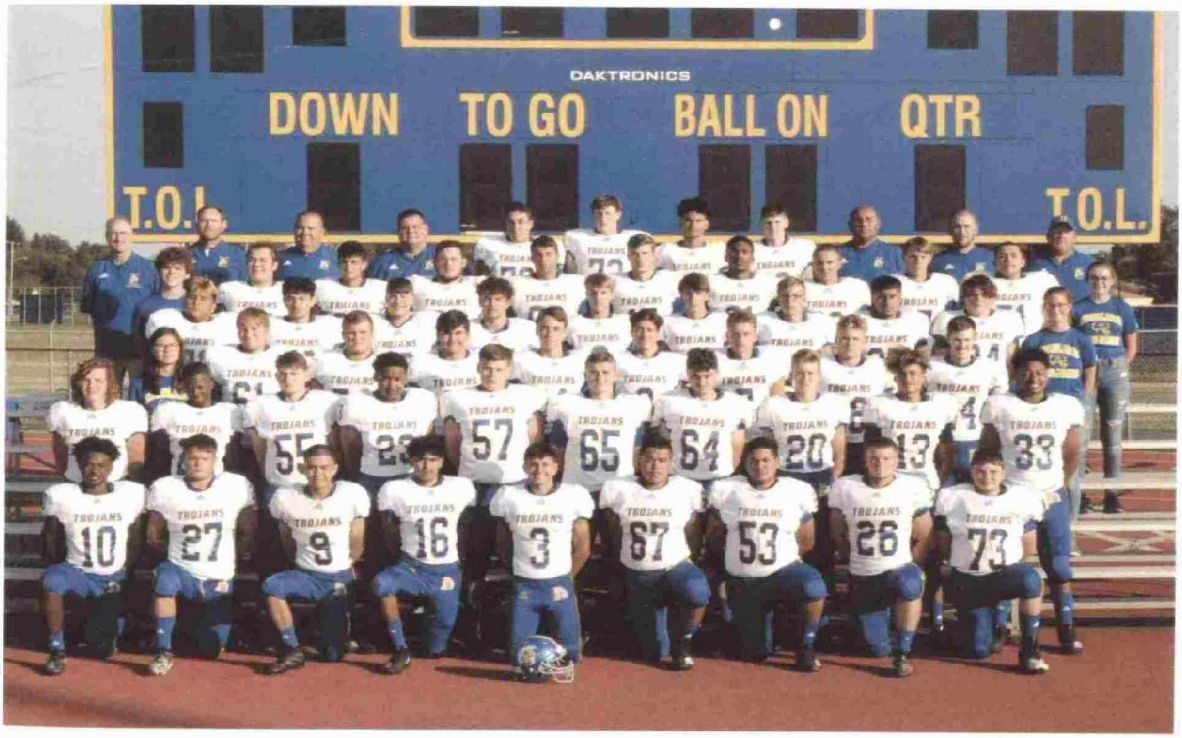

Junior Varsity Record: 3-5

Morton	0-22	L
Crown Point	6-38	L
TF South	6-14	L
Gavit	48-6	W
Munster	13-6	W
Lowell	0-44	L
Hobart	14-44	L
Kankakee Valley	12-14	L
Andrean	35-7	W

Varsity Record: 4-5

Morton	19-18	W
Crown Point	0-24	L
TF South	34-14	W
Gavit	14-0	W
Munster	30-3	W
Lowell	7-24	L
Hobart	0-35	L
Kankakee Valley	30-33	L
Andrean	21-28	L
*East Chicago Central	24-21	W
*Hobart	0-35	L

Row 1: Jonah Tillman, Andrew Barsich, Juan Altamirano III, Xavier Mendoza, Xavier Arce, Gabriel Padilla, Hugo Miranda, Kenneth Finke, Brian Pottorf. Row 2: Zachary Piech, Jaderrius Gilmore, Jaysen Hilligoss, Miles Walker, George Orona Jr, Zachary Frye, Elan Tiltges, Andrew Stephen, Anthony Brucer, Eijon Ford-Thomas. Row 3: Danijela Bastaic (mgr.), Caden Trombetta, Justin Bogner, Christian Rios, Gavin Hofkamp, Adam Ahmad, Benjamin Strode, Cody LeNeave, Tyler Conner. Row 4: Naszir Hernandez, Ivan Vargas, Ethan Tomlinson, Braydon Jones, Nicholas Steele, Joseph Opitz, Ian Fulkerson, Allan Velazquez, Andrew Sands, Leah Bishop (mgr.). Row 5: James Rhoten (mgr.) Vincent Cruz, Conner Olah, Samuel Perez Jr, Dylan Hanson,Garret Hudnall, Quinten McToy, Mason Plebanski, Riley Bertalan, Ryli Letke (mgr.) Row 6: Patrick Ohaver (Trainer), Coach Eric Miller, Coach Joe Tolliver, Coach Pete Koulianos, Solomon Alnimri, Warren Kovacek, Brandon Hubbird, Ethan Litavecz, Coach David Oswalt, Coach John Bogner.

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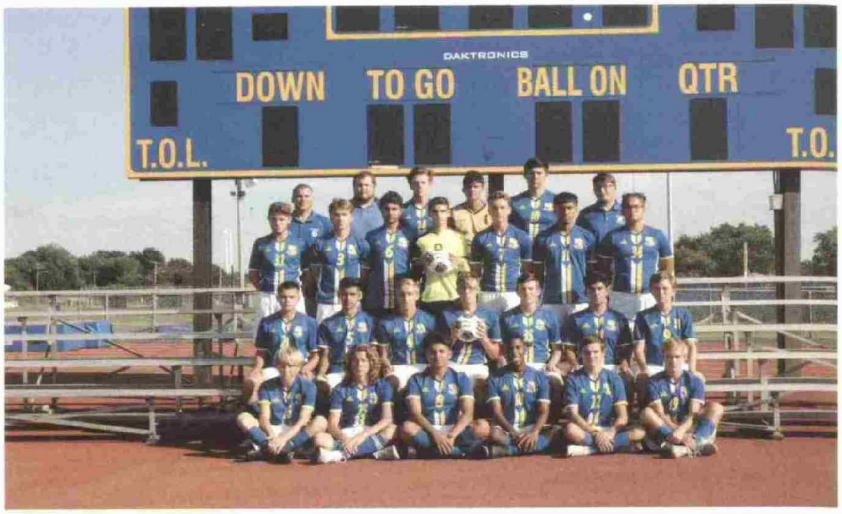
BOYS VARSITY SOCCER



Varsity Record: 9-7-2

Bishop Noll	2-0	L
Morton	5-1	L
Lake Central	CANCELED	
Hanover Central	0-12	W
Valparaiso	3-2	L
Andrean	0-1	W
Crown Point	5-0	L
Illiana Christian	2-4	W
Lowell	0-7	W
Chesterton	2-2	T
Wheeler	0-5	W
Munster	1-0	L
Lake Central	3-0	L
Kankakee Valley	0-3	W
Portage	1-1	T
Clark	0-2	W
Hobart	0-1	W
*Lowell	0-2	W
*Lake Central	2-0	L

Row 1: Dane Richardson, Trevor Young, Victor Cruz Jr, Jabarri Lones, Kyle Gordan,Jackson Raycroft Row 2: Nathaniel Safin, Cesar Garcia, Shane Jarmula, Ian Fulkerson, John Mastej, Fidel Iniguez, Joshua Rudloff Row 3: Mitchell Wagner, Joseph Sanders, Mahdi Alzoubi, Aerik Tanis, Benjamin Strode, Allan Velazquez, Colin Barsich Row 4: Coach Mark Tanis, Coach Andrew Timm, Michael Perry, Conner Olah, Joseph Tellez, Coach Dylan Marich

BOYS JV SOCCER

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Row 1: Victor Cruz Jr, Austin Gambino, Lorenzo Torres, Matthew Lamski, Ryan Fraga, Vincent DeMarco Row 2: Lorenzo Becerra, Victor Serna Jr, Marcos Aguilera, Liam Lamberg, Adam Hernandez, Zander Ison Row 3: Coach Andrew Timm, Julian Munoz, Belal Alzoubi, Zinidan Castillo, Marco Rodriguez, Coach Dylan Marich Row 4: Innocente Antoskiewicz, Andrew Stephen, Alan Montano, Aerik Tanis, Cristian Leon Vazquez, Cesar Garcia Row 5: Devin Villarreal, Jason VanGorp, Mahdi Alzoubi, Jonathon Baron, Malik Alzoubi, Connor Martinez, Ian Fulkerson

Junior Varsity Record: 6-5-1

Bishop Noll	0-2	L
Morton	1-2	L
Lake Central	Canceled	
Hanover	Canceled	
Valparasio	0-2	L
Andrean	6-0	W
Crown Point	0-2	L
Illiana Christian	3-1	W
Lowell	Canceled	
Chesterson	0-4	L
Wheeler	Canceled	
Munster	0-3	L
Lake Central	2-2	T
Kankakee Valley	5-1	W
Portage	Canceled	
Clark	9-0	W
Hobart	2-1	W

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GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

6-6-3 Record

Crown Point	0-8	L
Lafayette Jefferson	3-1	W
Merrillville	7-0	W
Griffith	1-1	T
Andrean	2-1	L
Wheeler	1-1	T
Lowell	6-1	W
Michigan City	1-0	W
Munster	2-3	L
Illiana Christian	Canceled	
Chesterton	0-4	L
Kankakee Valley	4-3	W
Portage	1-4	L
Hanover Central	Canceled	
Hobart	6-2	W
Valparaiso	1-1	T
*Munster	0-4	L

Row 1: Alexandria DiSanto, Emelia Lopez, Elise Mundo-Sweet, Natalie Hawley, Brianna Stuebe Row 2: Morgan Juarez (mgr.), Jelah Jernigan, Hailey Rudloff, Brianna Dewey, Kendal Carrubba, Alina Wilson, Jenna Donohue Row 3: Coach Courtney Condes, Audrey Gregory, Jaquelyne Arellano, Hailey Childress, Coach Karly Wolfe, Coach Franki Angotti Row 4: Brooke Durkin, Hannah Wleklinski, Amanda Cruse, Olivia Gibson, Lauren Wilson, Breanna Burbridge, Maegan Show

GIRLS JV SOCCER

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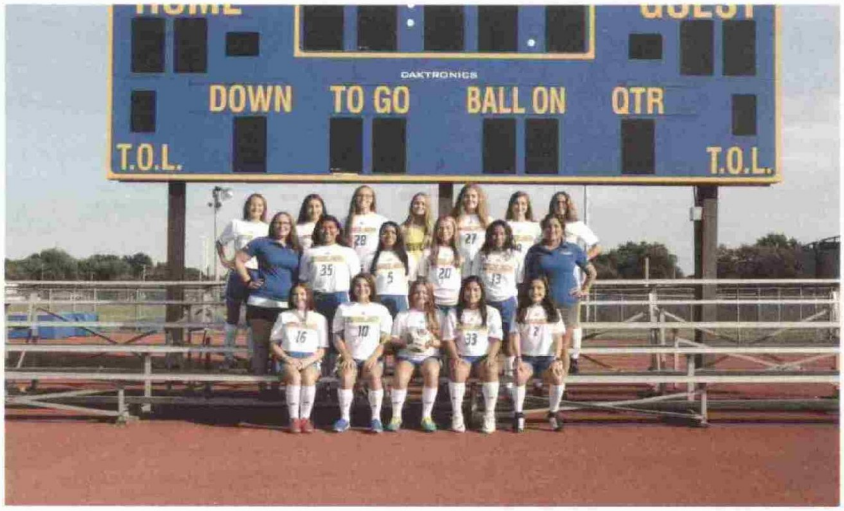
5-6-1 Record

Crown Point	0-6	L
Lafayette Jefferson	3-4	L
Merrillville	2-0	W
Griffith	2-1	W
Andrean	Canceled	
Wheeler	Canceled	
Lowell	3-0	W
Michigan City	5-0	W
Munster	1-2	L
Chesterton	0-3	L
Kankakee Valley	0-2	L
Portage	0-0	
T		
Hanover Central	Canceled	
Hobart	5-0	W
Valparaiso	0-4	L

Row 1: Ella Klapkowski, Madison Karulski, Leah Stone, Selena Perez, Anna Crowel

Row 2: Coach Wolfe, Elena Cruz, Emelia Lopez, Cameron Shaw, Coach Frankie Angotti

Row 3: Abby Helm, Amaya Pulido, Olivia Gibson, Cameron Wedryk, Madilyn Burton, Rhiannon Hazlett



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

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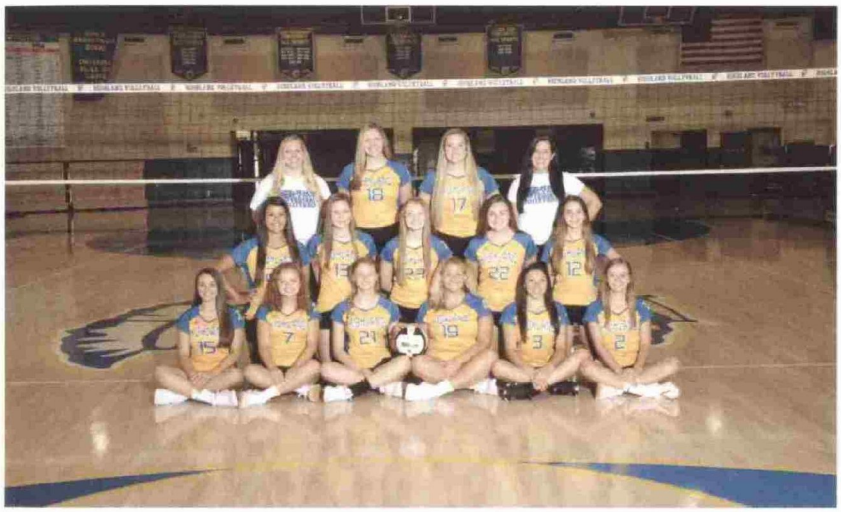

Row 1: Amanda Hoffman, Grace Bedka, Maggie Carstensen, Riane Holder, Ariel Cassell, Carly Raab

Row 2: Angelica Castillo, Chloe Churilla, Taylor VanDommelen, Danielle Opitz, Sophia Johnston,

Row 3: Coach Abbey Strohl, Katherine Brankin, Garran Grider, Coach Katie Gilmore

10-10 Record

Portage	3-0	W
Hammond Gavit	3-0	W
Andrean	0-3	L
Whiting	3-0	W
Lowell	0-3	L
Bishop Noll	3-1	W
Lake Central	0-3	L
Kankakee Valley	2-3	L
Chesterton	2-3	L
Hammond	3-0	W
Munster	0-3	L
Andrean	0-3	L
Hobart	2-3	L
Hobart	3-1	W
Hanover	3-0	W
Lowell	2-3	L
Kankakee Valley	3-1	W
Illiana Christian	3-2	W
Griffith	3-0	W
Munster	0-3	L

JV VOLLEYBALL

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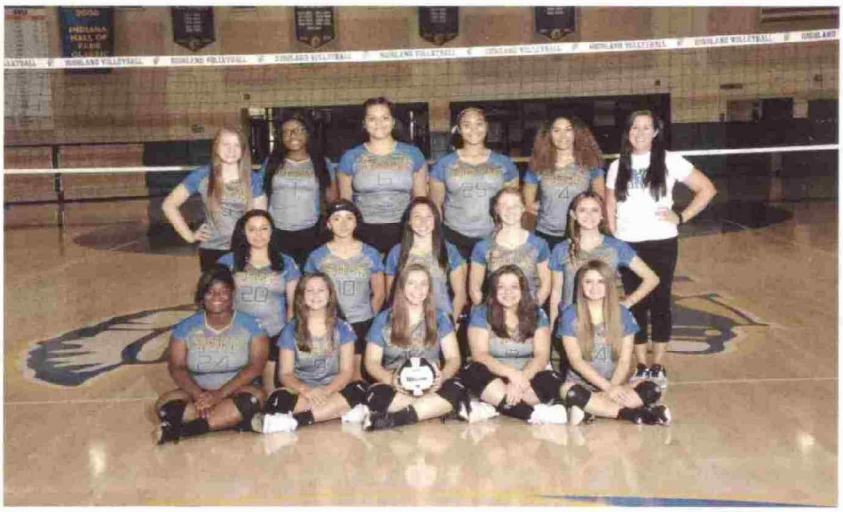
6-14 Record

Portage	0-2	L
Gavit	2-0	W
Andrean	0-2	L
Whiting	2-0	W
Lowell	0-2	L
Bishop Noll	0-2	L
Lake Central	0-2	L
Kankakee Valley	0-2	L
Chesterton	0-2	L
Hammond	2-0	W
Munster	0-2	L
Andrean	0-2	L
Hobart	2-0	W
Hobart	2-0	W
Hanover	1-2	L
Lowell	1-2	L
Kankakee Valley	1-2	L
Illiana Christian	0-2	L
Griffith	2-0	W
Munster	0-2	L

Row 1: Kailyn Butler, Brianna Ozelie, Reagan Vernengo, Kayla Harwood, Emily Golumbeck

Row 2: Vanessa Covarrubias, Joanna Zurlis, Ariel Cassell, Maggie Carstensen, Julia Gere

Row 3: Payton VanDommelen, Aniyah Curtis, Alicia Wright, Alexis Anderson, Mariah Roach, Coach Katie Gilmore



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GIRLS C-Team Volleyball

2-16 Record		
Portage		L
Andrean	0-2	L
Whiting	1-2	L
Lowell	0-2	L
Bishop Noll	0-2	L
Lake Central	0-2	L
Kankakee Valley	0-2	L
Chesterton	1-2	L
Munster	0-2	L
Andrean	0-2	L
Hobart	0-2	L
Hobart	2-1	W
Hanover	0-2	L
Lowell	1-2	L
Kankakee Valley	0-2	L
Illiana Christian	0-2	L
Griffith	2-0	W
Munster	1-2	L

Row 1: Elizabeth Herrejon, Mariyah Medina, Alisha Hidalgo
Row 2: Daniella Bustamante, Barbara Beanblossom, Kylee Prine, Mia Rivera
Row 3: Madison Winfield, Lela Rhoades, Naomi Childress, Madolyn Pinelro, Stephany Estrada, Coach Johnson

Boys Tennis

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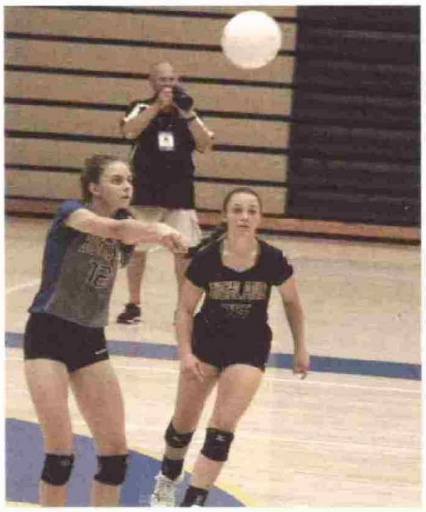
Row 1: Jasmin Eulloqui (mgr.), Aum Patel, Joseph Klapkowski, Lan New
Row 2: Daniel Wilson, Jason Merkel, Shivam Patel, Bradlee Seehausen, Coach Terry Steenson
Row 3: Bryce Ozelie, Connor Raab, Martis Sprenne, Hunter Kammer

4-12 Record		
New Praire	1-4	L
Michigan City	0-3	L
Laporte	0-5	L
Merrillville	2-3	L
Lake Central	0-5	L
Andrean	4-1	W
Crown Point	0-5	L
Munster	0-5	L
Hobart	1-4	L
Hanover Central	0-5	L
Lowell	2-4	L
H.A.S.T	4-1	W
Kankakee Valley	0-5	L
Morton	3-2	W
Griffith	5-0	W
Munster	0-5	L



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SAPPHIRES

Row 1: Erin Zehner, Hailey Lecea, Isabelle Gomez Row 2: Victoria Guerrero, Amalia Cruz Row 3: Coach Stephen (Vol.), Elijah Montanez, Coach Raycraft

CHEERLEARDING

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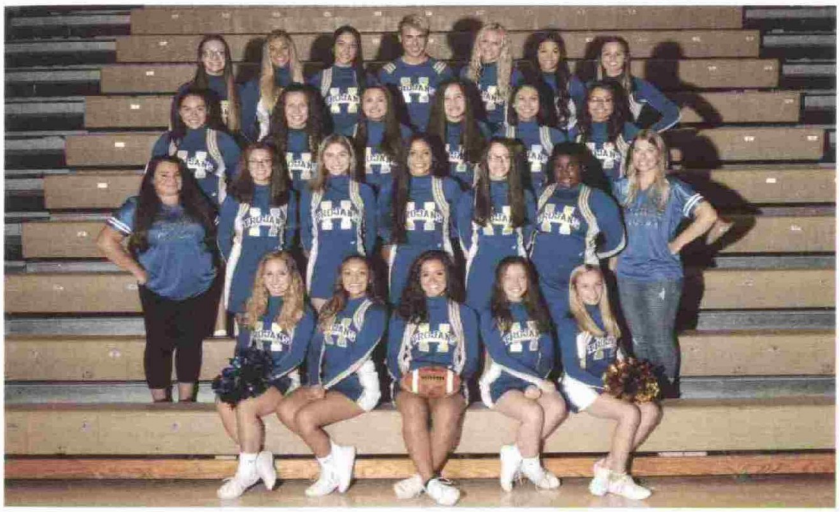

Row 1: Ella Crowel, Analisa Rosales, Arianna Winchell, Elissa Pfister, Imajin Smith Row 2: Coach Manyek, Gwendalyn Weyhe, Railyn O'Connor, Alicia Serna, Alexa Regalado, Coach Humyak (Vol.) Row 3: Alyssa Follrad, Kaylee Dennis, Jenna Holguin, Sophia Mirabelli, Gabrielle Garcia, Lexus Spinato, Brianna Short Row 4: Samantha Thomas, Jessica Hanson, Madison Pearce, Joseph Kerber, Cloe Schipper, Grace Girman, Kylee Kobeszka

MARCHING TROJAN PRIDE

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Marching Trojan Pride Invitational:	Gold
Hobart:	Gold
Naperville Central:	Fourth in class
Penn High School:	First in class
ISSMA:	Gold with Visual Distinction

Row 1: Carinne Walter, Ella Gadomski, Alyssa Hayes, Andrew Sharp, Evelyn Roldan, Jillian Parsley, Montana Handley, Andrea Roldan, Daniel Sobkowicz, Andrew Goodman Row 2: Johanna Oliver, Miranda Key, Hannah Waldron, Elizabeth Branch, Kylie Tratta, Johanna Gonzalez, Alessandra Gonzalez Row 3: Marysil Lopez, Kayleigh Stouffer, Jude Salanio, Blaine Anderson, Chelsea Parsley, Jordan Warren, Adalia Alston, Eleanor Davis, Emma Cheeseman, Alyana Dela Cruz, Kaitlynn Barragain Row 4: Miss Morgan Fulkerson (Guard Coach), Mr. Brian Blocker, Marcus Guerrero, Kailyn Butler, Benjamin Myszkowski, Jonas Rigney, Preston Walker, Khyree Brooks, Emily Burris, Hayley Fishel, Jennifer Covelo, Mr. Mateo Morales (Asst. Director)

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GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Varsity Record: 9-14

Chesterton	34-17	L
LaPorte	67-19	L
South Bend	50-30	L
Bishop Noll	44-31	L
Illiana Christian	34-22	W
Hanover Central	29-25	L
Kankakee Valley	38-23	L
Lake Central	50-40	L
Gavit	49-20	W
Andrean	65-46	L
Valparaiso	71-42	L
East Chicago Central	44-33	W
Crown Point	72-17	L
Lowell	35-22	L
Michigan City	53-42	L

Row 1: Payton Reid, Audrey Vanderhoek, Breanna Burbridge, Zelyah Barajas, Amanda Cruse, Andrea Felix, Briana Flores

Row 2: Coach Katie Gilmore, Coach Brianna Williams, Lauren Wilson, Makayla Pawlak, Chloe Churilla, Olivia Gibson, Coach Christopher Tomesi, Coach Brendan Ward

Hammond	65-32	W
Hobart	45-31	W
Clark	43-15	W
Morton	44-34	W
Griffith	39-36	W
Munster	41-30	L
Whiting	38-23	W
*Lake Central	42-34	L

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

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Row 1: Jasmine Strietelmeier, Sanai Ballard, Sarah Swallow, Payton Reid Andrea Felix, Gina Perez, Briana Flores

Row 2: Haley Anderson, Cailey Belloso, Carly Kuva, Makayla Pawlak Trinity Frazier, Zelyah Barajas, Kayla Robinson, Coach Brianna Williams

Junior Varsity Record: 6-16

Chesterton	17-35	L
LaPorte	32-44	L
Munster	18-39	L
Bishop Noll	28-32	L
Illiana Christian	32-31	W
Hanover Central	12-18	L
Kankakee Valley	19-40	L
Lake Central	13-40	L
Gavit	41-22	W
Andrean	27-35	L
Valparaiso	27-47	L
East Chicago	29-28	W
Crown Point	16-39	L
Lowell	24-31	L
Michigan City	27-30	L
Hammond	41-4	W
Hobart	24-31	L
Clark	30-3	W
Morton	25-22	W
Griffith	23-28	L
Munster	8-33	L
Whiting	20-23	L

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GIRLS C-TEAM BASKETBALL

2- 8

Portage	11-27	L
Chesterton	12-26	L
Lake Central	7-36	L
Munster	8-21	L
Griffith	29-28	W
Lowell	20-21	L
Munster	11-23	L
Hanover	21-22	L
Hanover	21-19	W
Lake Central	18-29	L

Row 1: Sarah Swallow, Annmarie Medina, Mackenzie Horvat, Kylee Prine, Gabriella Mendoza, Jasmine Strietelmeier

Row 2: Haley Anderson, Cassandra Gil, Trinity Frazier, Cailey Belloso, Carly Kuva, Coach Katie Gilmore

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GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

3-11 Record

Chesterton	NSR
Valparaiso	54-128 L
Lowell	57-122 L
Lake Central	NSR
Kankakee Valley	85-88 L
Merrillville	113-60 W
Crown Point	63-115 L
Hobart	28-140 L
LaPorte	62-119 L
Griffith	75-60 W
Portage	57-114 L
Munster	42-140 L
Michigan City	71-91 L
Morton	111-45 W
Highland Invite	7th Place
Conference	4th Place
*Sectionals	6th Place

Row 1: Coach John Krick, Coach Dan Bolda, Leia Rhoades (mgr.), Blaine Anderson (mgr.), Sarah Krick, Alexandra Rose, Alina Wilson, Molly Rebey, Nevaeh Cott, Mariana DeSoto

Row 2: Coach Cheryl Fleming, Coach Whitney, Emily Marvel, Hannah Rebey, Adhara Black, Hallie Fox, Raquel Davila, Maggie Carstensen, Irene Dagradi, Rachel Krick

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

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Row 1: Blaine Anderson (mgr.), Leia Rhoades (mgr.)

Row 2: Coach John Krick, Coach Dan Bolda, Nolen Krull, Jozsef Fenyves, Logan Opilka, Joseph Klapkowski, Leovoni Portes, Jason Merkel, Zachary Piech

Row 3: Coach Cheryl Fleming, Coach Julie Whitney, Joshua Johnston, Leocadio DeLeon III Benjamin Ayon, Gene Shamel, Luke Rhoades, Joseph Opitz, Josiah Wildman, Iain Krull

4-10 Record

Lowell	58-120 L
Lake Central	34-144 L
Kankakee Valley	70-107 L
Merrillville	91-73 W
Crown Point	46-128 L
Hobart	73-85 L
LaPorte	79-83 L
Griffith	78-48 W
Valparaiso	46-132 L
Portage	84-42 W
Munster	39-139 L
Michigan City	47-108 L
Morton	99-56 W
Chesterton	33-147 L
Highland Invite	7th Place
Conference	4th Place
*Sectionals	6th Place

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WRESTLING

11-10 Record

Clark	57-20	W
Gavit	48-24	W
Harvest Classic		5th
Munster	35-36	L
Merrillville Invite		6th
Lowell	21-54	L
Hobart Super Duals		5th
Griffith Super Duals		2nd
Andrean	52-24	W
Lake County Tourney		5th NCC
Tourney		3rd
Wheeler	63-11	W
*Sectionals		4th

**Regional Qualifiers: Adam Ackermann, Jesse Herrera

***Semi State Qualifiers: Adam Ahmad, Julian Gray, Rudis Sprenne

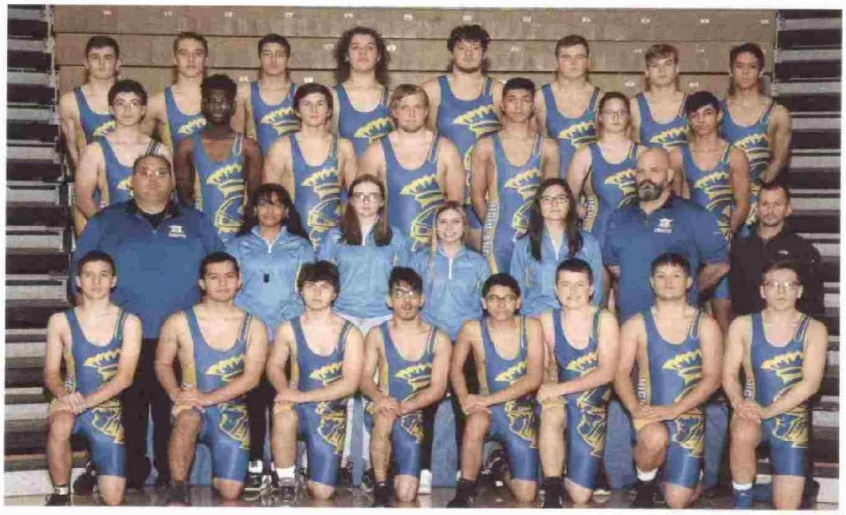
****State Qualifier & Top 16 in the State: Samuel Perez Jr.

Row 1: Bradlee Seehausen, Leonardo Cruz, Ryan Cozad, C.J. Herrera, Kevin Martinez, Jack Nelson, Andrew Barsich, Jesse Herrera

Row 2: Coach Perez, Amya Diaz (mgr.), Ryli Letke (mgr.), Jade Gibbs (mgr.), Danijela Bastaic (mgr.), Coach Doug Robbins, Coach Chris Kirincic

Row 3: Daniel Wilson, Julian Gray, Antonio Lagunas, Caden Andreatta, Joseph Magallanes, Leah Bishop, Adam Ackermann

Row 4: Storm Foreman, Rudis Sprenne, Adam Ahmad, Vincent Cruz, Samuel Perez, Justin Bogner, Cody LeNeave, Andrew Lorenzi



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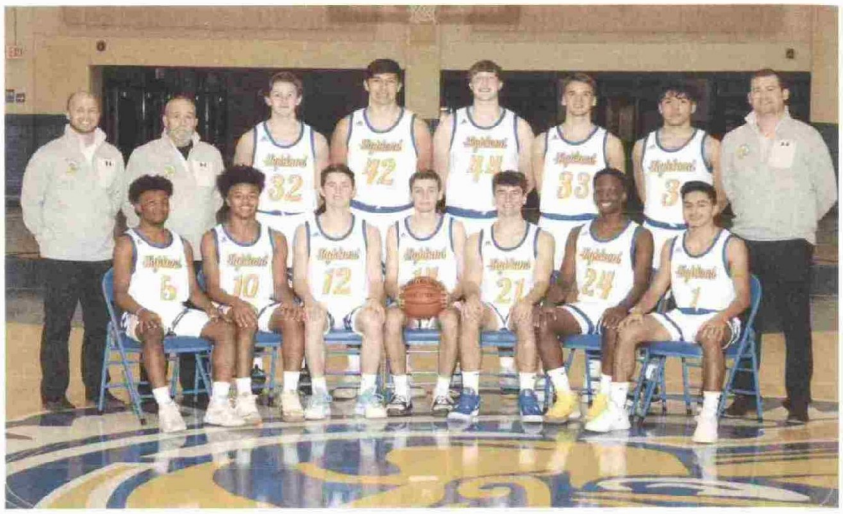

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Whiting	68-44	W
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Whiting	48-38	W
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Wheeler	48-35	W
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Clark	46-33	W

Row 1: Kyle Dempsey, Kyren Abbott, Matthew Gonzales, William Vanator, Anthony Reid, Andrew Scott Jr, Xavier Arce

Row 2: Coach Drew Boetel, Coach Geoff Dan, Michael Perry, Joseph Tellez, Warren Kovacek, Camden Scheidt, Brayden Chappell, Coach Jordan Heckard

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Row 1: Matthew Gonzales, Mohammad Issa, James Rhoten, Aerik Tanis, Braydon Jones, William Vanator, Michael Perry

Row 2: Nicholas Steele, Andrew Sands, A.J. Baron, Solomon Alnimri, Preston Walker, Coach Drew Boetel

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Calumet New Tech	42-40	W

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Kankakee Valley	28-38	L
Hobart	55-28	W
Portage	26-35	L
East Chicago	39-44	L
Andrean	42-27	W
Morton	40-31	W
Clark	33-24	W
Illiana Christian	16-45	L

Row 1: Rico Maldonado, Elijah Blackmon, Carson Denny, Eric Onohan, Zander Ison, Zachary Panozzo

Row 2: Chase Schwandt, Isaiah Reid, Mohamad Subuh, Nicholas DiNicola, Aleksander Havlin, Coach Josh Flikkema

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Row 2: Lexus Spinato, Jessica Hanson, Jenna Holguin, Kylee Kobeszka
Row 3: Grace Girman, Madison Pearce, Joseph Kerber, Cloe Schipper
Coach Manyek
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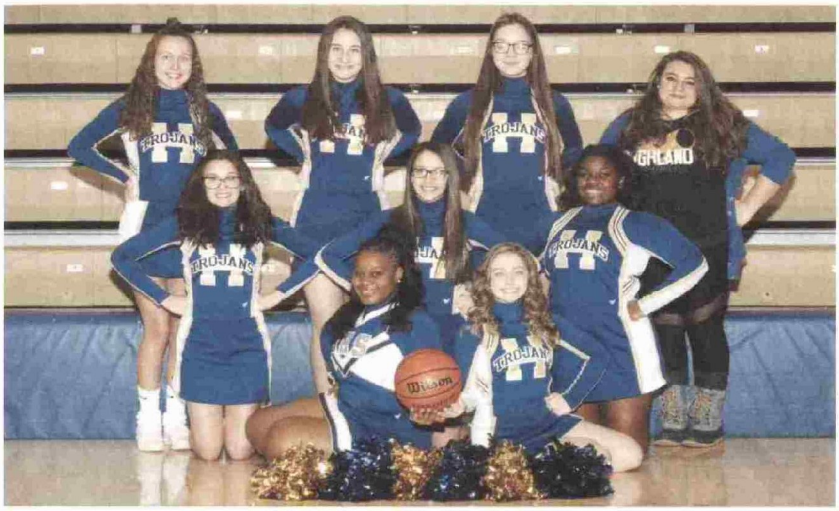

Row 1: Keiara Williamson, Elissa Plister
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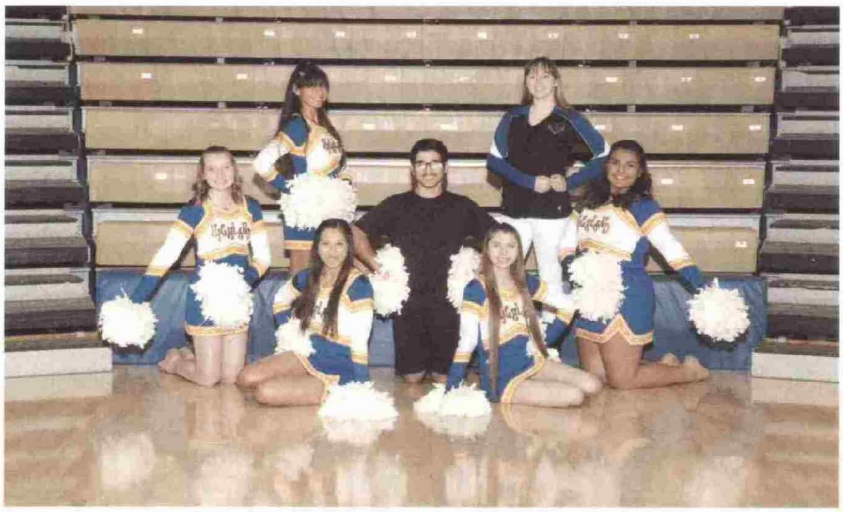

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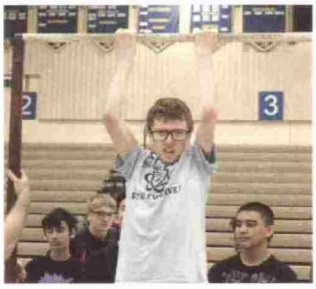

Sitting in the classroom, Riley Mengel (12) and Maddox Schneider (9) discuss news planning for Journalism. **Holding onto the bar,** Richard Alyea (9) shows off how many pull ups he can do. **Carefully considering** the dangers of teen vaping actor Moses Jones comes to Highland High School to discuss the negative possibilities with the student body. **Running towards the ball,** Hailey Rudloff (11) rushed to make sure that she has possession before everybody else. **Cheering for the soccer team,** the student section show their school spirit throughout the game.

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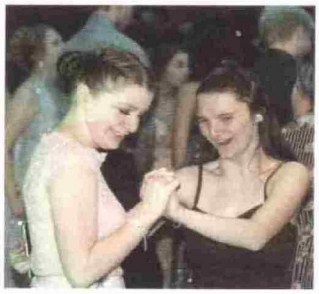
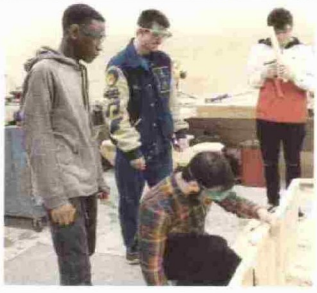
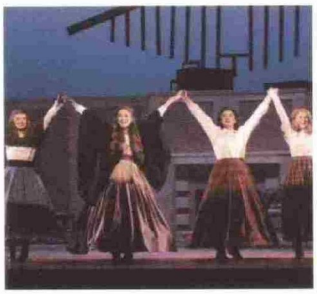
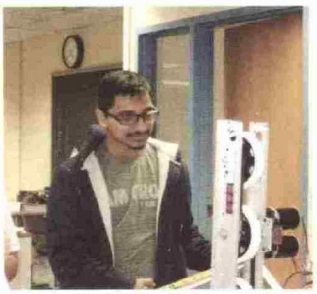




After drawing a foul Payton Reid (9) rose to her feet to cheer on her teammates on the floor. **Amused with** the song choice Stephanie Bowers (10) and Brittany Bowers (11) danced the night away. **Reaching for the** perfect splits, Mya Bailey (10) launches herself off the starting block to complete her leg of the relay. **Before going out on** the dance floor with friends Samara Brock (9) and Taylor Wilson (12) prepared to dance the night away. **Looking for** real world experience, students start to build the frame of a house prior to placing drywall and more finishing touches.





Supporting their teachers, students wear red for public education in Indiana. **Receiving a standing ovation,** members of fall musical, "Little Women" join in arms to the applause. **While looking at the polution in the water Kayley Rowe (12) Surrounded by** his marching members, Mr. Brian Blocker assisted the band with their warm up before their halftime performance. **Measuring as accurate as possible,** Julian Camacho (11) takes special care in setting up the competition robot.

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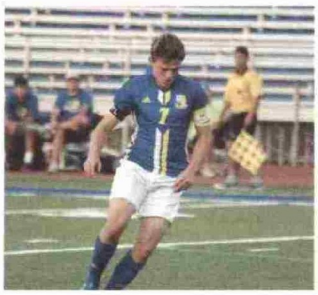
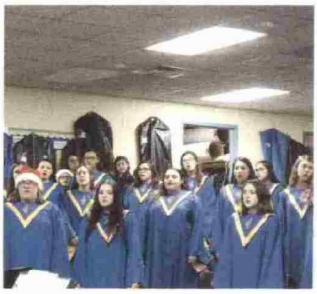
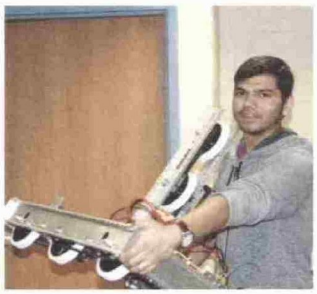
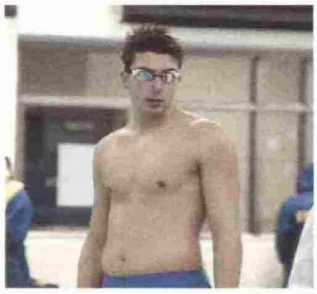




As the final part of the game draws near Benjamin Strode (12) races down the field towards the goalie box. **After a long morning of** classes, students enjoy the relaxation of lunch in the commons. **Enjoying the concert night,** students perform their warm up with Mr. David Markley. **Observing their classmates,** students in the stands stay ready to cheer for their friends and teammates. **Reaching for stars,** the football student section shows their overwhelming spirit against their rivals.





Robotics project in hand Het Modi (12) is startled by the flash of the camera. **Laughing at friends** Audrey Gregory (12) writes out names for the spaghetti dinner. **Showing her biggest smile** Railyn O'Connor (11) completes the stunt at the top of the pyramid. **Ready to swim** Gene Shamel (12) watches the current person in the water. **Modeling her find** Hannah Rebey (11) smiles nervously as the bug sits calmly in her hand.

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Intently watching, the student section witnesses the game, hoping for their team to win. **Trumpet raised,** Alyana Dela Cruz (12) prepares to play her solo in the third movement. **Smiling brightly,** Kaylee Dennis (10) gets ready to cheer on the home team. **Forcefully pulling the rope,** Officer Rick Hoffman and students use all their strength to try and win the tug of war. **With enthusiasm,** Elijah Montanez (12) encourages school spirit during the pregame warm ups.

START NOW

As the end of the year draws near students and staff alike look forward to the start of a new day because it means the close of the school year is drawing near. Moments with friends become more dear though as individuals realize that schedules will change and they just might not be able to spend that lunch time in the commons with that same group of friends. Cameron Shaw (9), Maegan Shaw (11), Connor Raab (10), Hannah Wieklinski (11), Blake Schwandt (10) Kendal Carrubba (11) and Victor Serna Jr (11) fall into this category. Start each day with a focus to enjoy the moments it brings.

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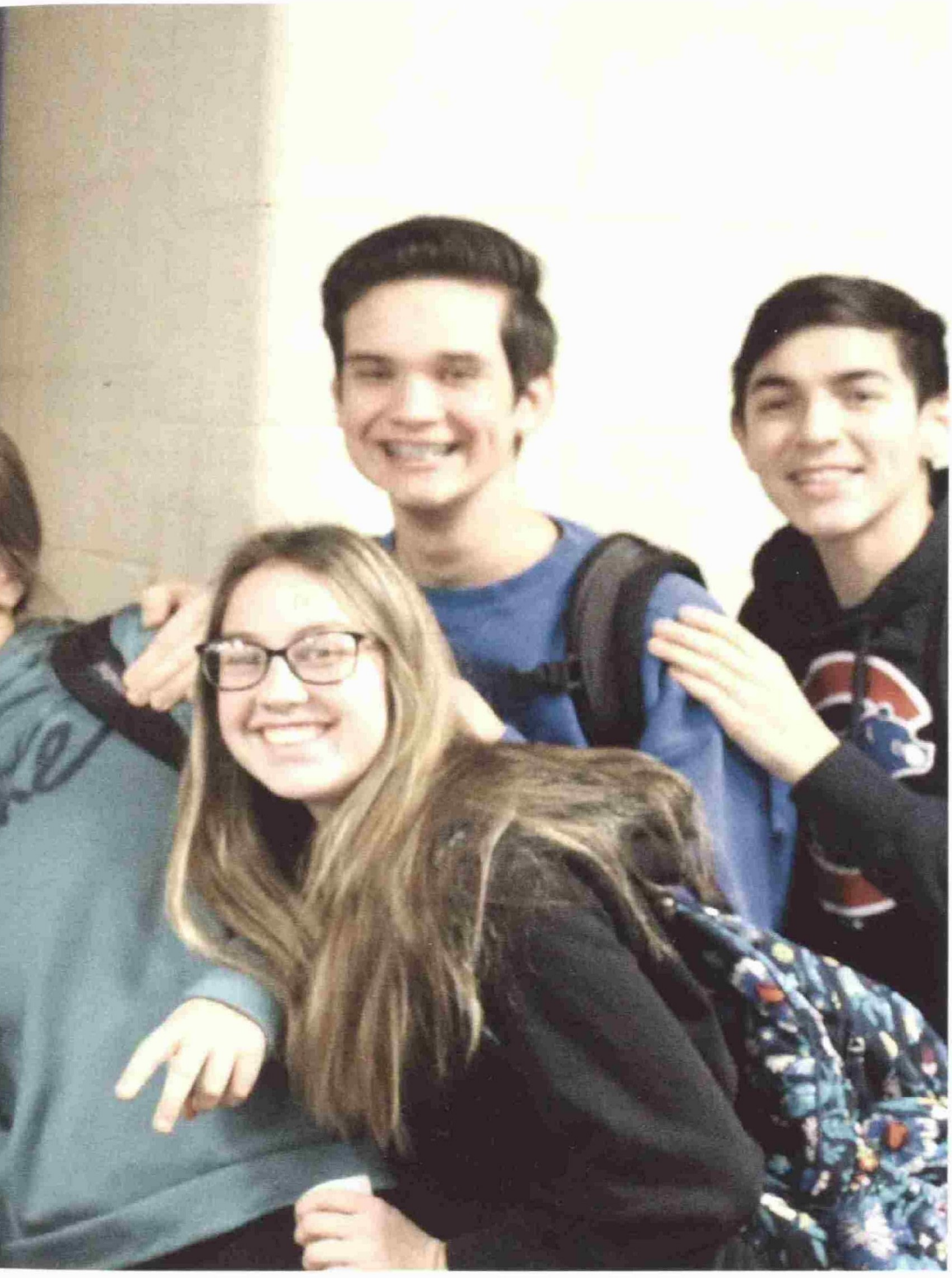


The start of anything is possibly the most difficult and thrilling parts of life, and bear the emotions that make everyone unique. At Highland High School, each and every person has started something with the optimism and determination that forges the best out of students, teachers, and staff alike. Within these pages, you have seen the start of a new decade, the beginnings of tomorrow's thinkers, and the development of bonds and friendships.

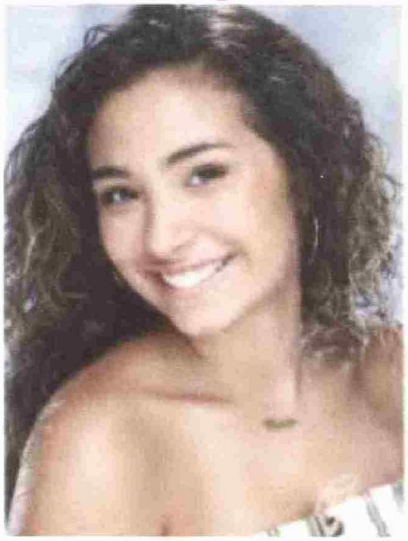
No matter where in life that you are while reading this, you are approaching the start of something new, something that will elevate you past the monotony of everyday routine. It could be the start of a new job, the start of retirement, or the start of a reflection of your high school years. It is important to remember your beginnings, as they are the foundation of who you are today.

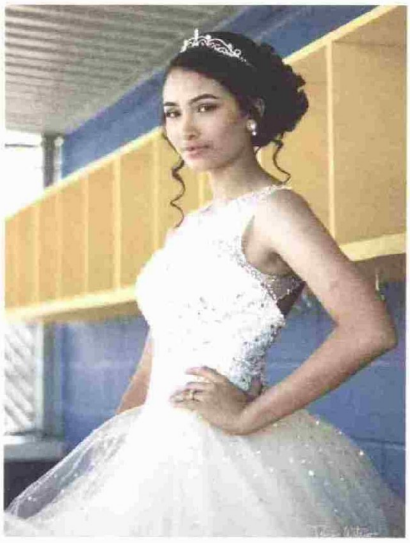
It's never too late to start something great, and never too early to start the work that needs to be done in our world. Regret only comes with thinking of what you could've started when the opportunity is gone. Plenty have taken their first cautious steps to their life goals, and started experiences that make them who they are. The stories in these pages are a positive testament to this, and what you could set in motion. Whatever your actions are, there is no better time to start than to

START *NOW*.

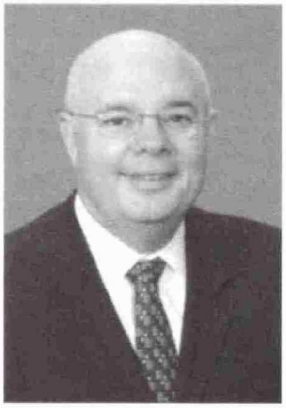
k. brooks

Elena *Figueroa*





We are beyond proud of you and can't wait to see what the future holds for you.
May God bless your every step now and always!
We Love you mucho mucho! Dad, Mom, Papas, and Noelani



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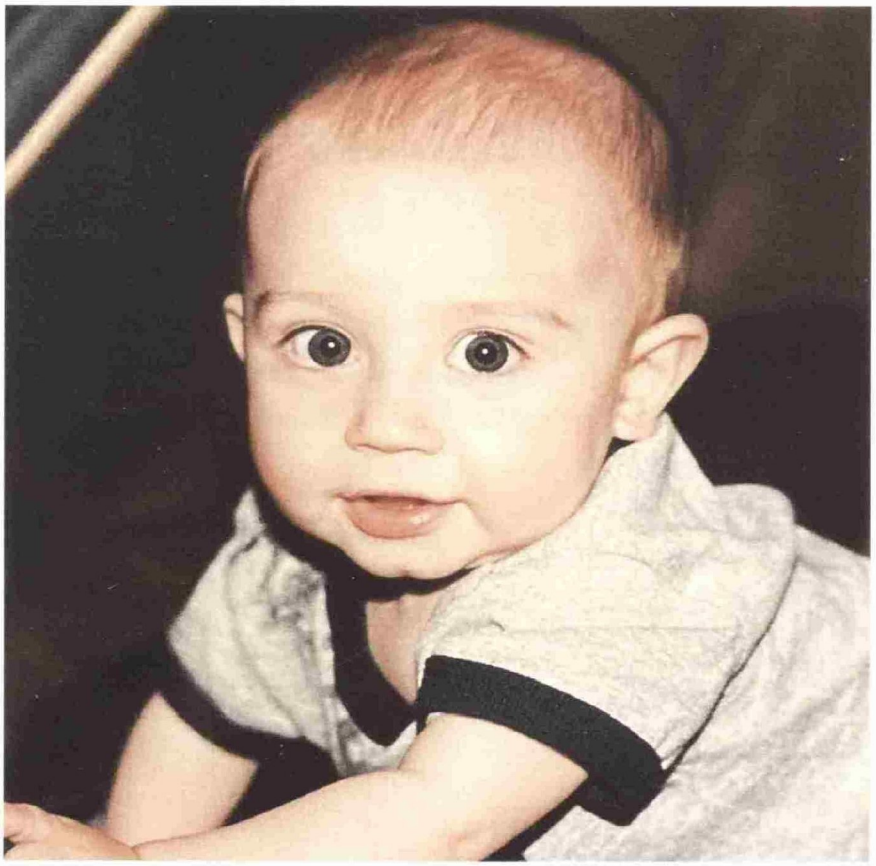
Andrew Cison

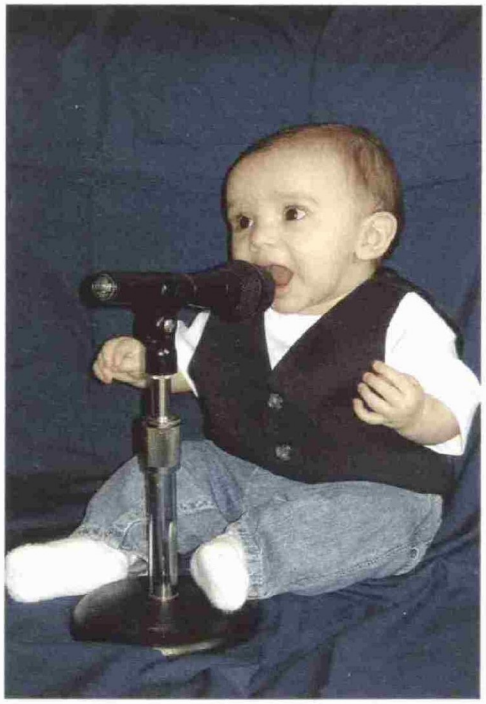
Never feel that you are alone,
no matter how
near or far apart
I'm always right there in your
heart.
Just believe in yourself
and remember you only fail when you stop trying. Never forget that whatever you go through, no matter what,
I'll always love you.
Love, Mom

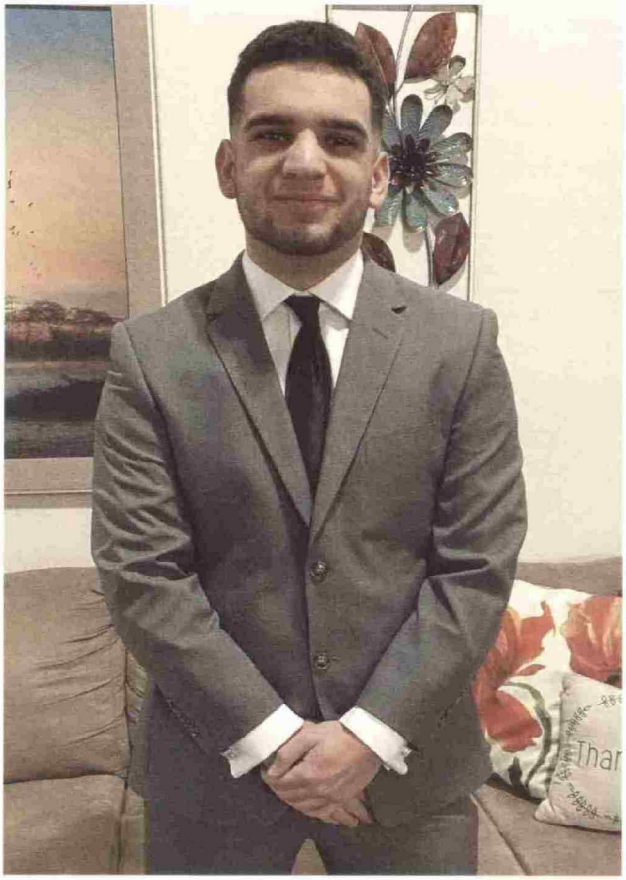


Jacob Celestin

Time is fleeting, but love is forever. It has been our honor to watch you grow and we can't wait to see what comes next.

Love always,
Mom and Dad

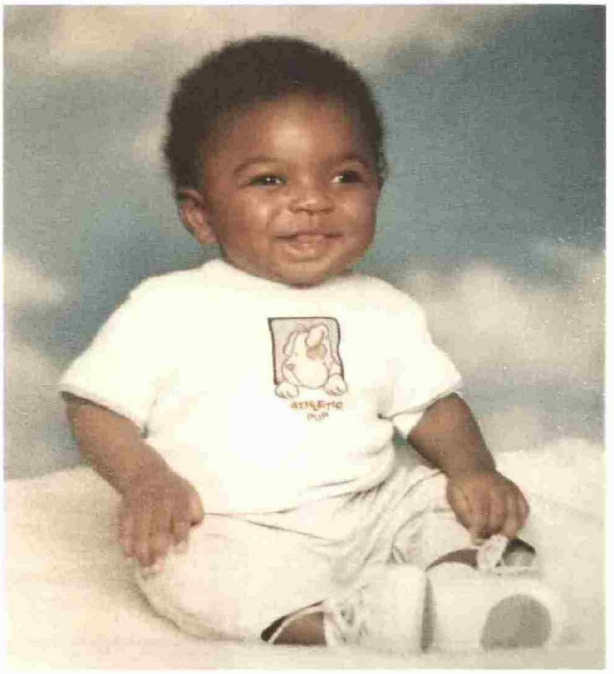


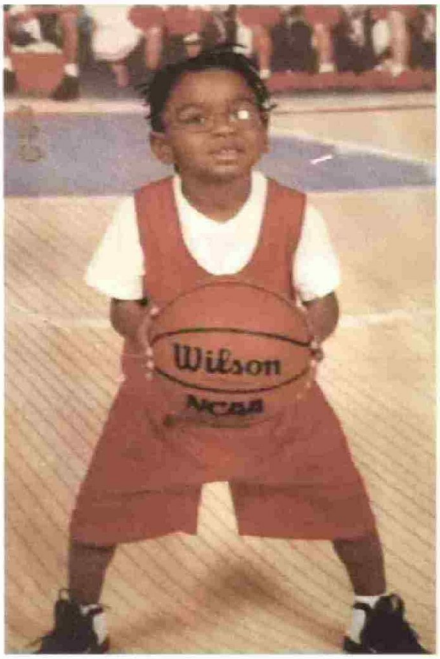


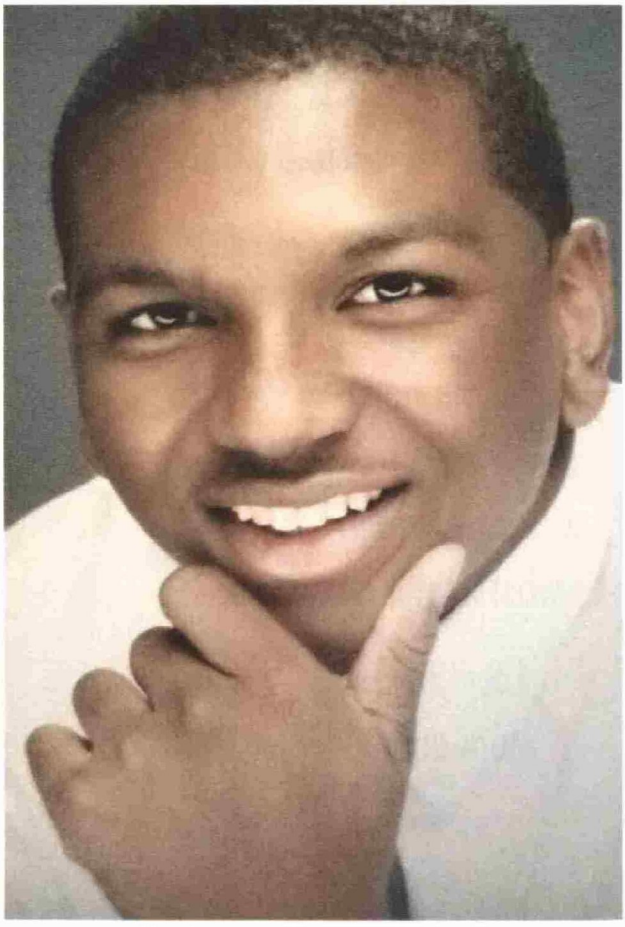
KHYREE BROOKS 2020

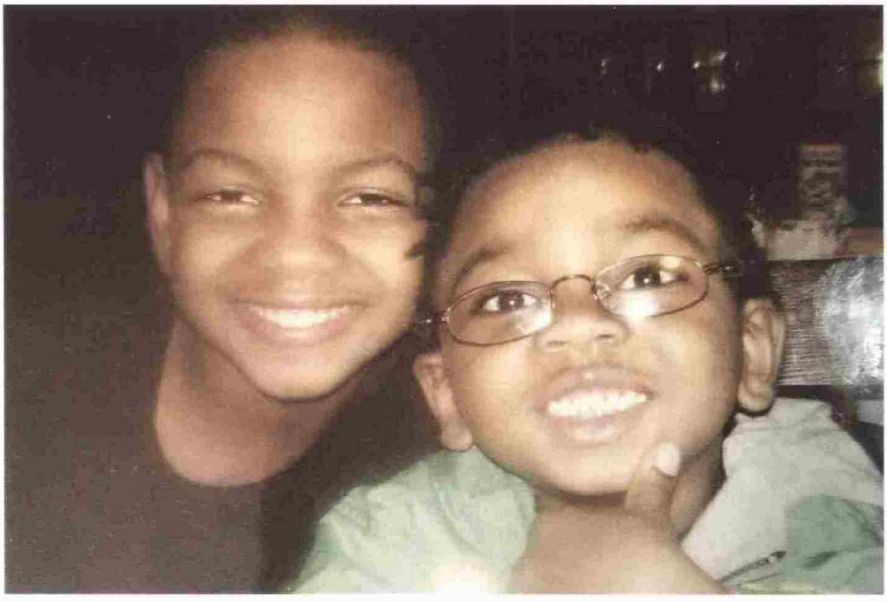
Your life has been a rollercoaster most my age have NEVER experienced. You held on and were my backbone and pulled me up when I was down. Yet you remained a kind, caring and loving person. Even with all the ups and downs you made raising you such an easy task and for that I am truly grateful. I'm such a proud mom. Knowing the man you have become, I know you are destined for great things.
Always remember La'Kice would be the proudest big brother. Auntie Angel would be your loudest cheerleader. Poppé would again be at a loss for words with you.
I love you KhyChi, Mom

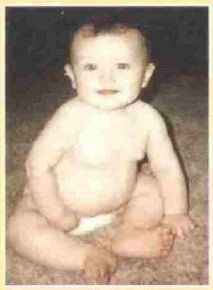
Colossians 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Master unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of Elohim.





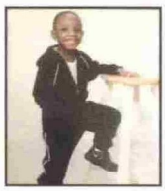






Congratulations
to our blue eyed baby boy
- Colin Lenzo!
Love, Mom and Dad

Gevon, I am beyond happy that you made it to this point. You've been faced with a lot of obstacles, but you kept God first while you continued to do your best. I am grateful I've had the opportunity to be present for it all. Can't wait to see what the future holds for you! I love you with all my being. Love, Mom



GEVON WADE

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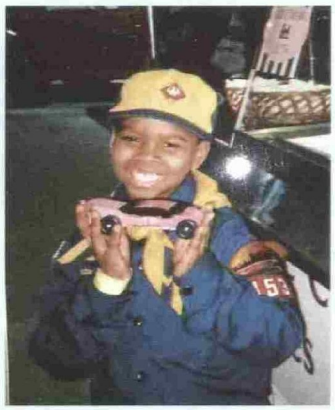
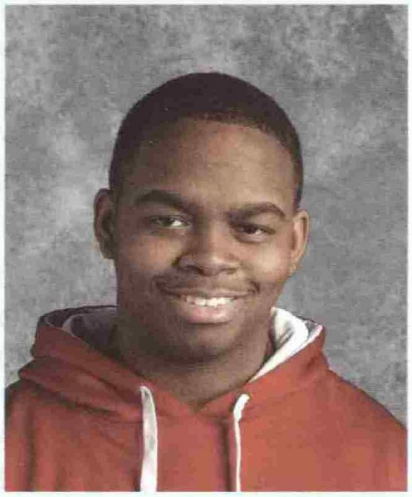
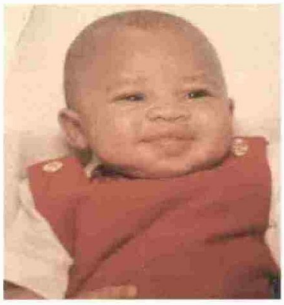


The Angel that saved my life, The GREATEST WORK THAT I'VE EVER DONE! I'm so BLESSED TO HAVE YOU AS MY SON... You make me want to be a BETTER ME! MAY THE HANDS OF GOD ALWAYS REST ON YOUR SHOULDERS... THE BEST IS YET TO COME... LOVE, MOMMY



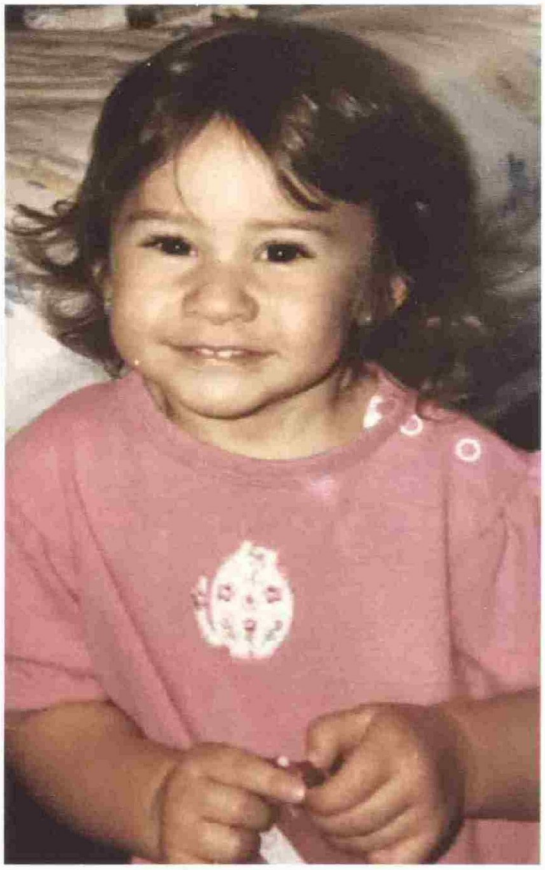
Kyle *Brown*



You are such a very special person. It's been my extraordinary pleasure watching you grow into the athletic, intelligent and strong young man you are today. We are proud of absolutely everything you have accomplished and especially the person you have become. As you move on to the next chapter in your life, my wish is for you to focus on your dreams and believe in yourself. Never let go of your goals, family and God!
Love you, Always and Forever,
Mommie, Shawn, Tabby,
Tyler and Kristee

MAKAYLA PAWLAK

May you have the courage to take risks, the strength to be compassionate & the wisdom to be humble. Remember there are no mistakes, only lessons. Love yourself and your choices & everything is possible.
Love,
Mom & Dad



SARAH RAGIN 2020

It seems like just yesterday that we held you in our arms, but the time has passed so quickly. It seems impossible that in a few short months you will be starting your journey to become a teacher.

I can remember from a young age you playing that you were teaching your class. You have always known how to put a smile on our faces and in our hearts, so it is no wonder that children love having you as a babysitter. Your love for them truly is amazing. You are going to positively impact so many little lives.

We have enjoyed watching you become the beautiful and loving lady you are today. We cannot wait to see all the good you are going do in this world. Your Grandma always called you her "special angel", and that is truly what you are.

We all love you so much!

Love always,
Dad, Mom, & all of your family

Amanda Hoffman

"Whatever you do, do it well!" ~ Walt Disney

We can't wait to see your future unfold, Amanda!
Wishing you all the happiness your heart can hold!
With much Love!
~ Dad, Mom, Sarah & Corey, Elizabeth and Guppie, too!

"A
YEARBOOK
IS A LOVE LETTER
A SCHOOL WRITES
TO ITSELF."
// Pat Conroy

THANKS FOR LETTING US HELP WRITE YOUR SCHOOL'S HISTORY.

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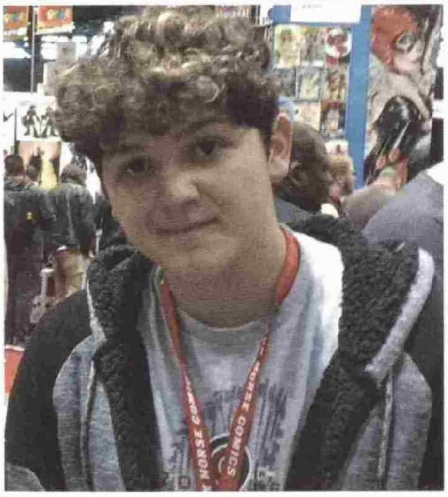
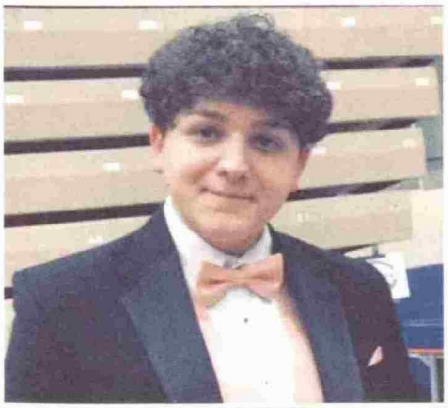
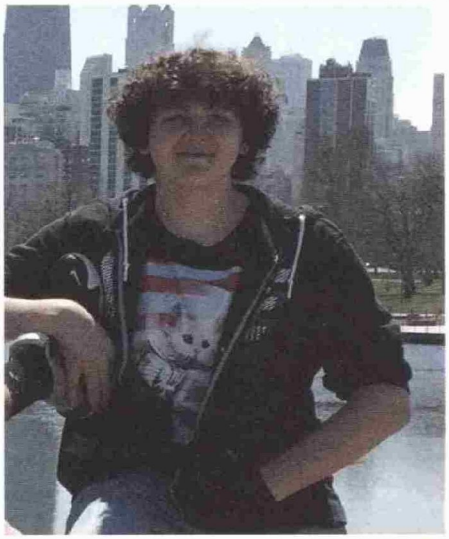


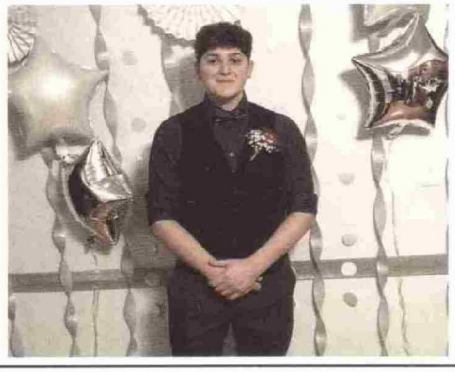


Richard Hays

We could not be prouder of the person that you've become. You have always been our positive, fun-loving boy and you have grown into a man that we are proud to call our son. We know that you will continue on this path and continue to make us proud. Your future is filled with amazing possibilities. Embrace these opportunities and remember, when life throws you curveballs, we will always be there for you to help and support you.

Love,
Your biggest fans
Mom, Dad, and Paige





RETIREMENT
life is here

The official withdrawl from the work life is a celebratory time in one's life.

Mrs. Anita Gavranic came to Highland High School Fall of 2000 as the new school nurse.

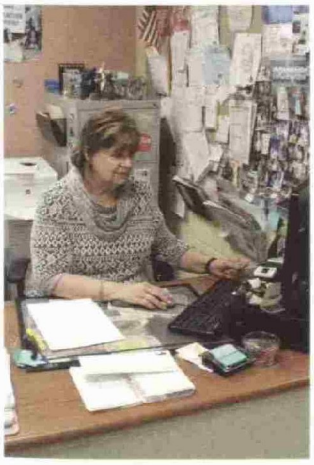
South Chicago Community Hospital was where she received her training to obtain her nursing degree and title as a Registered Nurse.

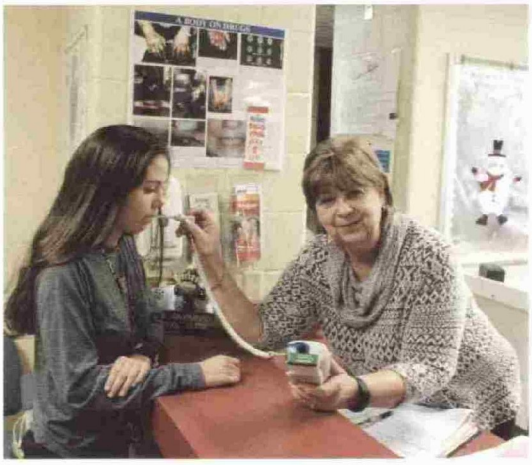
Taking a career path of a school nurse is much different of one that is employeed in a hospital or clinic. Gavranic has services students and staff alike with her medical expertise.

In addition to serving as school nurse, Gavranic has also sponosred the Fearless prayer group for many years. In this role, she was able to help students embrace their spirituatlity in an open environment.

Fearless, with the assistance of Gavranic, has hosted the annual event of, "Meet at the Pole" for many years. Through this group students have been able to meet and openly pray for their friends, family, school and world.

Mrs. Anita Gavranic has been a positive influence to Highland's students, school and community. Here's to her long fulfilling retirement, and to her continuing to spread the gifts of healthy life.

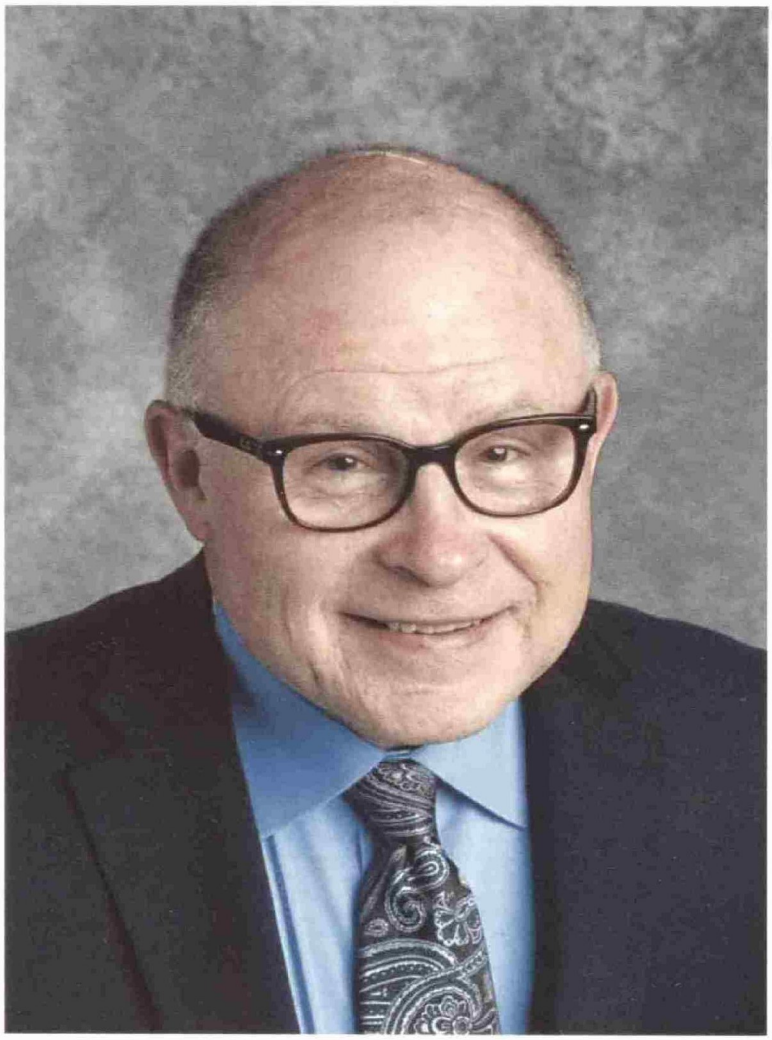




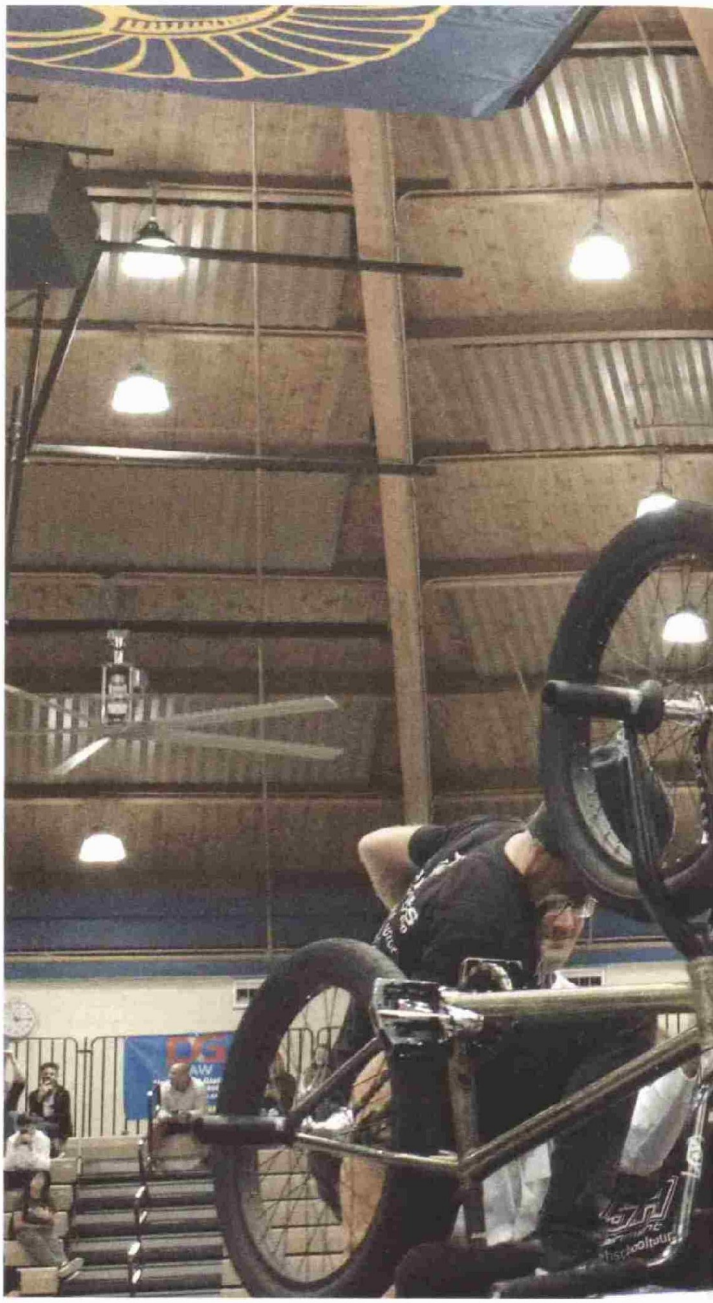
With a smile on her face Ms. Anita Gavranic posed for a picture in her office from the previous twenty plus years. She has tended to students and staff alike dealing with medical situations from small cuts to even more severe situations over the course of her years here at Highland High School. No matter the situation, though, Gavranic always has a kind smile to share.

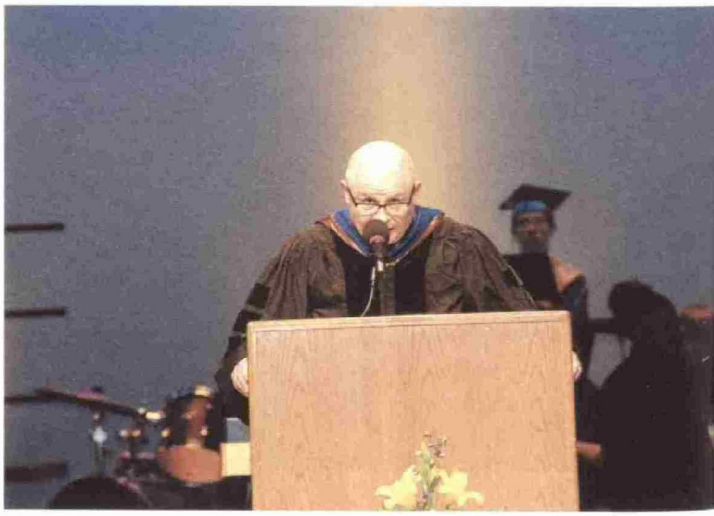
Best Wishes on your Retirement

Dr. Patrick Weil will end his educational career at the close of the 2019-20 school year after forty years in education, ten of which were spent at Highland High School.



In a person's educational career, they have sat for school portraits from kindergarten through their senior year compiling thirteen photographs showing their progression through their childhood years. Once that person opts to start their teaching career, those portraits continue annually and their smile creates an artifact indicating a sense of youth since we never leave high school. This picture day was filled with many smiles, especially one on the face of Principal, Dr. Patrick Weil. As Lifetouch Photography captured his final school portrait he thought, "I spent my entire career in high school and this is truly my senior picture."





Caught in the excitement of the assembly, Dr. Patrick Weil raised his hands as the student population cheered. Weil stated the moment represents, "Never be afraid to take a risk. You might miss out on an opportunity!"

While enjoying the moment with his graduating class of 2018, Dr. Patrick Weil shared his words of wisdom with the parting class, staff, special guests and families. Weil stated, "I really enjoy commencement because it is a celebration of success, a culmination of all the victories both large and small, in the classroom, on the stage, in the lab, in the field, at the Career Center, on the courts and on the field of play!" Weil's final commencement ceremony was celebrated with the Class of 2020.

The Keeper of the Words

Accomplishments are achieved in life, both big and small. Each one is an important moment in their own special way. For our own Dr. Patrick Weil, he is receiving one of the biggest accomplishments within any person's career: retirement. The eleven years Weil has spent as our principal have been some of Highland High School's strongest years. As Weil departs from the school at the end of his educational career, he leaves behind some of his infamous final words of wisdom, "Take advantage of every opportunity to learn and be open to change. I have a quote posted on my bulletin board in my office that says this: 'In a time of drastic change it is the learners who inherit the future. Those who learn continuously find themselves equipped to live in a world that keeps on changing.'" Dr. Patrick Weil will be missed. We wish him well on his next adventure in life and his legacy will live on.

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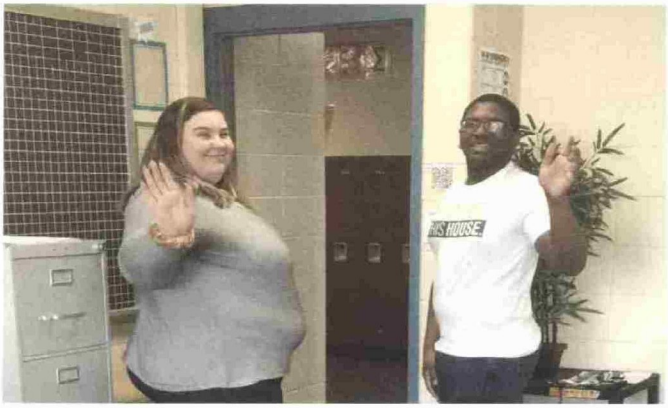
The End of this Start

The opportunity to start this yearbook comes to an end with this final page of Shield, Volume 61.



While looking back at the yearbook room one more time, Khyree Brooks (12) and Sarah Ragin (12) share a final goodbye after serving as Shield staffers for all four years of their high school career. Both Brooks and Ragin gave countless hours of design, editing, writing and interviewing to complete yearbooks, More Than, The Choice is Yours, Bold Blue Way, and finally Start Now. Their dedication and experience will be missed starting now.

Start Now was developed during a planning session with Sales Representative, Mrs. Betty Samples and Co-Editor-in-Chief, Sarah Ragin.

Plans to develop design, coverage and document the theme were developed by Co-Editors-in-Chief Ragin and Carinne Walter with Advisor Ms. Sherri Terrell. Content that keyed in on how each Highland Trojan is afforded an opportunity to have a new start at the beginning of a new school year, season, week and day was exhibited by Shield staffers on each spread.

While the theme Start Now ends with this closing page, the opportunity to start now lives each day with us all. Never miss a chance to make a new start in your education, career or life path as time goes on.

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